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WILSON MAY FACE HIS BLACKMAILERS

He is Subpoenaed to Appear Against Men Who Threatened His Life.

TRIAL TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Examination Postponed to Allow President-elect to Be Present—Issuance of the Subpoenas Mere Formality

New York, December 12.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson may face in court here next Tuesday the three men accused of threatening his life. A subpoena was issued by a United States commissioner late today for the President-elect's appearance and to make this possible he postponed examination of the alleged blackmailers from Monday to Tuesday, by which time it is expected the Wilson family will have reached New York from Bermuda.

The letters which Warren Dunn, Jacob Dunn and Seeley Davenport, who were arrested Tuesday night, are alleged to have addressed to Governor Wilson at Trenton, were opened by Joseph Tumulty, the Governor's secretary. Mr. Tumulty was also subpoenaed today. In case his testimony as to receipt of the letters is accepted as sufficient proof, Governor Wilson may not be required to testify.

The issuance of the subpoenas was described by Commissioner Stockton as a mere formality, but the commissioner hoped the President-elect would appear. The threats in the letters were in demand of $5,000 or life, one of them reminding Governor Wilson of the fate of McKinley and the attempt to kill Colonel Roosevelt. The specific charge on which the three men are held at present is misuse of the mails. Jacob Dunn is the alleged author of the letters. All the men have been known in the Morris county region for a number of years. Neighbors say they were only an "apparently harmless sort."

Federal authorities initimated today that they had doubts of being able to hold the trio. The main evidence is a similarity between the handwriting in the letters and that of Jacob Dunn.

SAYS BROTHER WROTE THREATS

Government Holds Men Charged With Writing Wilson.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 11.—Sullen and without counsel, the three so-called mountaineers arrested at Dover, N. J., last night charged with writing threatening letters to Woodrow Wilson, are locked up as Federal prisoners here today awaiting a preliminary examination on Monday.

Two of them are brothers, Peter and Jacob Dunn, 24 and 26 years old, respectively. The other is Seeley Davenport, 52 years old. According to the Postoffice inspectors who made the arrest, Peter accuses his brother Jacob of having done the writing.

Words written by Jacob at the dictation of the inspectors are said to have tallied in peculiarities and misspelling with the letters sent to the President-elect. These letters were mailed, apparently, at an out-of-the-way rural free delivery box in front of a deserted house, and the inspectors say they have evidence that Jacob Dunn bought from a mail carrier paper identical with that on which the Wilson letters were written.

When arraigned before a commissioner last night, all the prisoners protested utter ignorance of the letters.

EDGAR HOOKS ARRESTED

Charged With Abduction of Robert Dunbar, of Opelousas, La.

Mobile, Ala., December 12.—Edgar Hooks, aged 35, of Birmingham, was arrested here today in connection with the mysterious disappearance of Robert Dunbar, aged 4, of Opelousas, La. The Dunbar boy strayed from his parents at a picnic near Opelousas several months ago and rewards aggregating $6,000 have been offered for his safe return. It was generally believed that the boy was kidnaped, although the theory that he had been drowned also was advanced in view of the fact that the picnic was held near a lake.

Hooks was arrested on information furnished by a detective agency. The nature of the alleged evidence against him was disclosed.

NOTHING IN CHANCE'S WAY.

McGraw Waives Claims to Him and He Can Manage Highlanders.

New York, Dec. 12.—There is nothing now to prevent Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago Nationals from signing a contract to manage the New York Americans, acording to announcement this afternoon that a telegram had been received from Manager John J. McGraw, of the New York Nationals, waiving claim on his long time rival in league pennant fights. The New York club was the last of the National clubs to waive.

McGraw's willingness to follow the lead of the other clubs in his league had not been questioned, as he and Chance are close friends personally and the New Yorker has been known to favor Chance for the leadership of the Highlanders.

MAY HAVE LOCATED DOWSING

Library of Congress

Man [illegible] New Orleans Believed to be [illegible]steerer for New York Wi[illegible]—Lived He[illegible]

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—Charles J. Walker, who was arrested here last night as a suspicious character, was declared by the police today to be wanted in New York City in connection with a wire tapping swindle in which K. C. Sidbury and J. W. Powell, of Wilmington, N. C., were recently relieved of $25,000.

New York, Dec. 12.—Charles G. Walker, the man arrested in New Orleans, according to the police here, answers the description of one J. N. Dowsing, for whom the New York authoritles were searching in connection with a fake wire tapping scheme.

According to the Detective Bureau, Dowsing is the man who took up an expensive residence at Wilmington, N. C., with his wife and worked himself into the confidence of Dr. J. W. Powell and K. C. Sidbury, a lawyer, there. The result was that they came to New York to take advantage of the "advance information" which the gamblers here claimed to get on horse race results, and lost thousands of dollars.

This was followed by the arrest of the Gondorfs and several of the veterans in New York confidence games, the North Carolinians having come to New York to prosecute them. After preliminary trials as the result of which a number of them were held for the higher courts under heavy bonds, the Southerners returned home, but it is expected that they will return to New York to futher prosecute the cases, which are only a few of several hundred unearthed from many parts of the country as the result of their exposure by Sidbury. It is likely that Dowsing will be brought to New York on extradition papers and that the Southerners will be asked to identify him after he is brought here, or they may be asked to go to New Orleans and see if they can complete the identification.

APPEALED TO MRS. BELMONT

Women Claim Becker Fund Made Police Demand Enormous

New York, December 11.—Mary Goode, a self-confessed keeper of a resort in the tenderloin district, as a witness before the Aldermanic Committee which is investigating conditions, declared on the stand today that many women of that section had banded together in an association and had appealed to Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont to aid them in protection against police graft.

She declared that the "Becker pocketbood" had set an example of graft to policemen of the tenderloin section, and that since the Becker exposure the officers were "wild in their demands of money."

From her own experience she told of having paid $60 a month for police protection. Some larger places, she said, were forced to pay from $100 to $220 a month. "The police want more money all the time," she declared. "They keep raising their demands. This is all on account of the Becker pocketbook."

She said there were 35,000 women in the city affected by the police methods.

"We want to be put under a committee of citizens," she said. "We want to be protected from the police." If this were done, she added, the women would help the committee in ridding the city of some of its worst vice element. The woman declared that "Gyp the Blood," one of the Becker gunmen, and four other armed men entered her premises one night and robbed the inmates.

CARBOLIC FOR WHISKEY.

Richard McGee Swallowed Liquor in Bottle Without Examining.

Scotland Neck, N. C., Dec. 11.—Richard McGee, in his eagerness to secure whiskey without price, Sunday afternoon drank a quantity of carbolic acid through mistake, and despite the efforts of physicians, died a few hours after taking the poison. He went to the house of Rachael Bulluck, in the negro settlement of the town, and seeing a whiskey bottle convenient, he took it while the woman was not looking. It contained carbolic acid instead of the coveted booze. There being some suspicion, the woman was arrested and placed in the town lock-up, where she remained during the night, but was released Monday morning. Soon after her release some one swore out a warrant and she was again arrested. Mayor J. E. Shields gave her a hearing yesterday morning and much evidence, pro and con, was introduced, but the mayor did not think it strong enough to justify him in holding the woman, so he released her.

SELLING EGGS AT 24 CENTS.

First Day of Campaign by Philadelphia Women Proves Success.

Philadelphia, Dec. 11.—One hundred and fifty thousand dozens of eggs were sold today at stations in various sections of the city by members of the Housekeepers League in the first day of their campaign to break the corner, which they claim has been maintained by retail dealers here.

Eggs that have been selling for from 27 cents to 49 cents a dozen were sold by the women at 24 cents. Such was the demand at the 40 stations in operation today that only the inability to secure enough candlers prevented even a larger number being disposed of. An extra force of candlers has been engaged to work all night in order to have a supply ready for tomorrow.

POSTOFFICE BILL UP IN THE HOUSE

Big Appropriation Measure Carries $278,489,781, a Slight Decrease.

IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE

Representative Bartholdt Introduces Bill Limiting Presidential Tenure to Two Terms of Four Years Each.

CONGRESS IN BRIEF

Senate

Omnibus Claims bills again taken up.

The Archbald Impeachment Court met at 1:30 P. M.

Democratic Senators caucused over President Taft's Federal nominations.

Senator Swanson introduced bill to appoint a committee to attend unveiling of Jefferson Memorial in St. Louis next year.

House

Money Trust Investigating Committee continued hearings.

Former Governor Herrick, of Ohio, urged before Banking and Currency Committee the establishment of a system of rural credits.

Representative Levy introduced bill for currency system reform.

After stormy debate resolution declaring vacant the seat of Representative C. G. Bowman, Eleventh Pennsylvania district, was adopted 153 to 118, and a resolution to seat G. R. McLean, Democratic opponent, rejected 181 to 88.

Representative Bartholdt introduced a bill to limit Presidents of the United States to two terms of four years each.

Consideration of the Indian Bureau bill begun.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Postoffice Appropriation bill, aggregating $278,489,781, including $750,000 for parcels post equipment and $25,000 for the parcels post commission, was reported to the House today. The total is a decrease of $3,301,727 from last year's estimates.

The Postoffice Department submitted increased estimates, partly attributable to the expenses of the parcels post and to the postal savings bank. The estimate was rendered by the committee on the ground that the estimates as to these projects are largely speculative at this time.

Despite the Postmaster General's report of a small surplus for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1911, the Postoffice Committee reported that there was a deficiency of about $626,000, instead of a surplus of $219,000 for that year. Similarly, according to the committee, the accounts chargeable to this year may make a change in the Postmaster General's audited deficit of $1,785,523 for the fiscal year 1912.

Waterway Recommendations.

The War Department today recommended to Congress that to complete the Ohio river improvement projects within Ohio and West Virginia, ultimately requiring $51,117,291 yet to complete, there should be annual cash appropriations of $8,000,000 until 1917 with diminished annual appropriations thereafter.

Presidential Two-Term Bill.

Representative Bartholdt, of Missouri, Republican, today introduced a joint resolution to provide for a constitutional amendment to restrict Presidential tenure to two terms of four years each, "or approximately two terms" with ineligibility for re-election thereafter.

Adjournment Resolution Opposed.

The Senate will not adopt without division the House resolution for an adjournment of two weeks for the Christmas holidays, from December 19th to January 2nd. Senator LaFollette today objected to immediate consideration of a favorable report on the resolution by the Appropriations Committee, and moved to adjourn. The motion prevailed and the subject went over until tomorrow.

Senator LaFollette said privately that he considered the time fixed for the recess to be extended in view of the crowded condition of the business.

Parcels Post Regulations.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post system, which is to go into operation January 1st next, were made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock today. The new system will be effective throughout the entire postal service at the same time and will affect every postoffice, city, rural and railway mail transportation route in the country. Every precaution will be taken by the postoffice to have the mails moved with the usual dispatch, and all postmasters, superintendents and inspectors have been directed to thoroughly familiarize themselves and their subordinates with every phase of the new system.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm

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CHAS. C. BOWMAN LOSES SEAT

Congressman from 11th Pennsylvania District Unseated Because of Corrupt Practices—His Opponent Also Loses.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Representative Charles C. Bowman, of the 11th Pennsylvania district, was unseated by the House today by the passage, 153 to 118, of a resolution declaring that corrupt practices had been used in his election in 1910. At the same time the House refused, 181 to 88, to seat George R. McLean, his Democratic opponent. It was charged on the floor that he had been guilty of the same practices as were alleged against Bowman. The seat from the 11th district will be vacant until March 4th, when it will be filled by John J. Casey, a Democrat, elected in November.

The fight over the case on the floor was enlivened by a bitter passage between Representative A. Mitchell Palmer and John R. Farr, both of Pennsylvania. Mr. Palmer had referred to the charge that the influence of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad had been used for Bowman.

"The gentleman must not forget the efforts which that corporation, through its officials, made for him at his solicitation," observed Mr. Farr, as he mentioned that Mr. Palmer was a local attorney for the railroad in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Palmer replied that he was a local counsel for the Lackawanna, but declared that any statement that he had ever solicited the aid of any corporation for himself or any one else was a wilful, deliberate and malicious falsehood. He demanded that Farr either apologize or prove his charge to the House.

The incident was ended by Representative Heflin making a point of order and "Uncle Joe" Cannon counselling Representative Farr to "sit down."

MARKET AGAIN EXCITED

Stocks Experience Severe Shake-up—Union Pacific Pressed

New York, December 12.—The stock market experienced another spasm of excitement today, in the course of which Union Pacific, the weakest issue of the last week, was again pressed for sale in large quantities and fell 4 points to 150 3-4, its lowest quotation in over four years.

Other stocks that suffered substantial declines, included Reading, Canadian Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, American Smelting and some of the more prominent specialties. Southern Pacific was again conspicuous for its strength, as was also United States Steel which yielded less than a point in the face of enormous offerings.

Although the session recorded a number of low positions for the present movement, the day as a whole was far less active and without many of the previous day's spectacular features. Most of the unsettlement occurred in the first hour, after which time lowest prices prevailed and trading was heaviest.

Recoveries of two to five points ensued by mid-day, after which business became comparatively dull and devoid of special features. Factors contributing to the rebound were the heavy buying of Union Pacific for home and foreign accounts. London was a reported purchased of 30,000 shares of this stock and took other issues to a total of perhaps 50,000 shares. Final prices showed numerous net gains, but such leaders as Union Pacific, Reading and Amalgamated Copper were particularly unchanged from the previous day.

OUTLINES

Luitpold, prince regent of Bavaria, died at Munich yesterday.

The Greek, Servian and Montenegrin peace commissioners arrived in London last night.

Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday made public the completed arrangements for the parcels post, which goes into effect January 1st.

The House yesterday voted to unseat Representative Chas. C. Bowman, of the 11th Pennsylvania district, and refused to seat his Democratic opponent.

A subpoena was issued yesterday for President-elect Wilson, whose testimony is wanted at the hearing next Tuesday of the trio of alleged blackmailers who threatened his life.

The Congressional committee investigating the money trust looked into the highways and by-ways of finance yesterday as reflected in operations on the New York Stock Exchange.

The North Carolina Baseball League was organized at Charlotte yesterday, and succeeds the Carolina Association. Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Durham compose the league.

Charles G. Walker, alias J. N. Dowsing, wanted in connection with the wire-tapping swindle of two Wilmingtonians by a New York confidence gang, was arrested in New Orleans yesterday.

The Federal government yesterday filed a civil anti-trust suit at Detroit, Mich., against the Horse Shoers Trust. Attorney General Wickersham seeks injunctions against the Master Horse Shoers National Protective Association.

New York markets: Money on call easier, 4 1-4 to 5 per cent; ruling rate 4 3-4; closing big 4 1-2; offered at 4 3-4. Spot cotton quiet. Flour steady. Wheat firm. No. 2 red 1.06 and 1.07. Corn firm, 54 1-2 Turpentine and rosin steady

SHOERS TRUST IS HALED INTO COURT

Suit Filed by Government Against Master Horseshoers Association.

COMBINATION IS ALLEGED

Defendants Conspired to Prevent Sale Of Their Products Direct to Horse Owners Is the Claim of the Government

Detroit, Mich., December 12.—The Federal government filed a civil anti-trust suit here today against the Shoers "Trust." In a petition in equity, Attorney General Wickersham seeks injunctions against the Master Horse Shoers National Protective Association, its officers, and manufacturers of drilled horse shoes, adjustable calks and rubber hoof pads, from continuing an alleged combination and conspiracy to confine the sale of those arfticles in this country and Canada to horse shoers and prevent their sale direct to horse owners.

Through unlawful agreements and contracts, it is charged, the defendants have seriously interfered with inter-State and foreign commerce in violation of the Sherman law.

The following are named as defendants:

The Master Horse Shoers National Protective Association of America, New York; The Master Horse Shoers National Protective Association of America, Michigan; The Williams Drop Forging Company, Pennsylvania; The Rowe Calk Company, Connecticut; Diamond Calk and Horse Shoe Company, Minnesota; The Giant Grip Horse Shoe ompany, Wisconsin; Air-o-Pad Company, Revere Rubber Company, Rhode Island; Walpole Rubber Company, Maine; William Killian & Sons, Company, Massachusetts; The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Ohio; Octogan Drop Forge Company, Illinois; Dryden Hoof and Pad Company, Illinois; Hoopstone Horse Nail Company; Hlinois; William E. Murphy, Philadelphia; Harry T. Baldwin, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Charles E. Craft, Florizant, Mo.; Charles A. Kelso, Baltimore; Charles J. McGinness, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jeremiah C. Bukely, Detroit; Michael Hallanan, New York; Charles P. Dryden, Chicago; Carl A. Judson, Chicago; Edward Fitzgerald, and W. W. Todd.

Almost all horse shoeing, the government says, is now done at shops conducted by members of the defendant Horse Shoers Association, organized in 1903, to succeed a voluntary association also declared to have entered into an unlawful combination.

It is alleged that verbal agreements between the association and manufacturers of drilled horse shoers and adjustable calks provide that such manufacturers will market their product through hardware jobbers under a sales contract which empowers the manufacturer to fix the price at which the jobber sells to retail hardware dealers. The agreement stipulates, it is charged, that in States other than Montana, Utah, Washington, Wyoming and Idaho, horse shoers and calks will be sold at a price 33 1-3 per cent above the price charged to horse shoers, while in the five States mentioned the price should be 50 per cent above that charged to horse shoers.

The government asks the annulment of the agreements and the prohibition of the alleged discrimination and practices.

RUSSIA WARNS CHINA.

Rupture Imminent Unless Mongolian Question is Settled.

Peking, Dec. 12.—M. Korostovets, the Russian minister, has warned China that a rupture of their negotiations is imminent unless China ceases to delay settlement of the Mongolian question. This is considered as significant in view of the impending arrival at St. Petersburg of the Mongolian delegates who are expected to ask the Emperor to recognize the complete independence of Mongolia.

The Chinese government opened negotiations in November with the Russian legation in respect to Russia's recent recognition of the autonomy of Mongolia.

The minister of foreign affairs informed the Russian minister that China claimed the right to control Mongolia's foreign relations and suggested that no foreign power should send troops to Mongolia.

According to Peking dispatches, Russia formulated demands for the settlement of the Mongolian question on a basis suitable to Chinese honors, which included railway connection with her Siberian line at Urga and other centers; the right to station permanent garrisons in those places and free mining concessions.

Vera Cruz, December 12. — The strike of dock workers prevented the loading and departure of the Ward liner Monterey today. The attempts to use strike-breakers has been abandoned, owing to the declared inability of the authorities to give police protection. The Minister of Government has been appealed to by the company to furnish the necessary assistance which would mean the dispatch of rural guards to the waterfront.

STATE LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

N. C. League Succeeds Carolina—Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem And Durham Members

Charlotte, N. C., December 12.—The North Carolina Baseball League was organized here today with Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Durham as members. The circuit succeeds the old Carolina Association which with the last season finished its fifth successive one under the presidency of Mr. J. H. Wearn, who was made president of the new league. At the meeting held today Lynchburg, Va., Greenville and Anderson, S. C., sought admission, but the determination of the directors to form a strictly North Carolina league prevailed. Spartanburg, Greenville and Anderson are three cities that Raleigh, Durham and Asheville succeed, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro holding on to their franchises. It is the understanding now that the South Carolina towns will organize a State league.

STOCKHOLDERS FILE PROTEST

Don't Want N. Y. Central to Issue $24,000,000 of Bonds in Ohio

Columbus, Ohio, December 12.—A protest was filed here late today with the State Utilities Commission, by stockholders of the New York Central Railroad, against the application for an issuance of $24,000,000 of bonds by the railroad for improvements in Ohio. It is declared the railroad is a trust and a suit will be brought for its dissolution under the provisions of the Sherman law.

The letter of protest was signed by C. H. Venner and Company, bankers, 33 Wall Street, New York, as stockholders in the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad, and the Michigan Central Railroad and also by the Continental Securities Company, of New York, as stockholders in the Michigan Central.

Representatives of the protesting stockholders are expected here Monday when the application for the issuance of the certificates will be heard by the utjlities board.

In the letter the stockholders of the subsidiary lines declared that action leading toward a dissolution would have been instituted before, had not the Union Pacific case been pending in the United States Supreme Court.

Under the application for the issuance of the equipment, certificates filed with the Public Utilities Commission last Monday, the New York Central & Hudson River, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central and the Cleveland, Cincinnati & St. Louis agreed to maintain said equipment and pay as rental therefor an amount sufficient to meet taxes, expenses and dividend warrants and the principal of said certificates as they mature.

In protest the Venner company declared:

"The New York Central Company, by reason of its ownership of about 90 per cent of the stocks of the Lake Shore, which it acquired in violation of the Sherman act, controls three distinct competing lines between Buffalo and Chicago. By reason of the dominating control which the New York Central exercises over the several corporations above named, it has in the past compelled and is now seeking to compel, such corporations to pledge their credit for the benefit of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad. As stockholders of the Michigan Central we object to that company assuming an obligation of $24,000,000, of which probably seven-eighths is for the benefit of other corporations in which the Michigan Central has no financial interests whatsoever.

SIX-DAY RACE EXCITING

Position of 12 Leading Teams Unchanged--Senational Sprint

New York, December 12.—Several exciting incidents marked the continuance of the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden tonight, but neither accident nor sprint eliminated any of the riders or changed their relative positions. The score at the end of the 96th hour at midnight was 1,874 miles and seven laps for 12 of the 14 teams, with the Suter brothers and the Carman-Loftes teams each two laps behind the leaders. The record was three miles, 6 laps ahead of the best previous performance by Walthour and Collins in 1909.

Oscar Egg, of the French team, crashed into Bobby Walthour's wheel on one of the turns shortly before 10 o'clock. Both were thrown. While Egg regained his feet and wheel, Walthour was picked up unconscious, but it was found he was not seriously injured and he later re-appeared on the track. Between 9 and 11 o'clock there were several sprints. In the most sensational one at 10:30 the Grenda-Pye combination seemed to have practically gained a lap, but the referee did not allow it on the ground that the riders had not quite overlapped the leaders when the sprint ended by a puncture of Fogler's tire.

MINISTER TO BELGIUM

Senate Committee Recommends Confirmation of Mr. Theo. Marburg

Washington, December 11.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations recommended today the confirmation of the appointment of Theodore Marburg to be Minister to Belgium. No political issue was raised over the nomination of the Baltimorean inasmuch as his commission expires on March 4th.

NEW YORK' CHANGE IS INVESTIGATED

Congressional Money Trust Probers Learn About Ways of "the Street"

PROMINENT BROKER ON STAND

Frank K. Sturgis Outlines Ways of Operators on the Exchange—Membership Has Not Been Increased Since 1869

Washington, December 12.—The highways and by-ways of finance, as traversed by operators on the New York State Exchange, were mapped out before the House Banking and Currency Committee today in its money trust inquiry. Frank K. Sturgis, of brokerage firm of Strong, Sturgis & Company, former president and member of the board of governors of the stock exchange, told the committee at length about the ways of "the street."

The examination of Mr. Strugis by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, bristled with technical discussions and involved digressions. Mr. Strugis at times insisted on lengthy explanitions in answering questions and once flatly declined to answer. His counsel, John G. Milburn, interfered, to preserve the calm dignity of the occasion.

The testimony of Mr. Sturgis brought out that the members of the stock exchange has not been increased since 1869 when it was fixed at 1,100. Since then the business done and the securities listed on the exchange have increased about 50 times over.

Mr. Strugis declared an increase in membership was unnecessary, for the membership was well able to handle the public's business.

In a dozen recent failures, Mr. Sturgis admitted, stock exchange houses had carried with them stock owned in part by their customers, but hypothecated by the brokers for more than the real ownership of the broker. In such cases the proceeds of the sale of the bankrupt broker's seat on the exchange goes, it was explained, not to his customers, but to his creditors inside the exchange. Mr. Strugis thought this was fair and just and it was a regulation subscribed by the members on the exchange and recognized by the public.

Stock exchange brokers usually use the stock owned in part by their customers as collateral to support their own loans, Mr. Strugis said, re-hypothecating the securities for a greater amount than is represented in the debt of the customer on the stock. He added that the governors of the exchange would welcome any suggestion that would put a stop to the practice. He disagreed with a scheme proposed by Mr. Untermyer that would force brokers to mark on "loan envelopes" containing their collateral, the amount for which they were already held for security by the broker, that the bank might make its loan to the broker on that basis.

This scheme Mr. Strugis contended, would entail an almost prohibitive amount of book-keeping.

Mr. Strugis, through a grilling detailed examination, insisted that the stock exchange could not prevent manipulation of the market by pools and syndicates. He said they could not go behind a transaction to discover a buyer or seller's motives.

On this point Mr. Sturgis and counsel for the committee had a spirited argument.

"Is it legitimate for a member of the exchange to give an order to sell a certain amount of stock to one broker and an order to buy the same amount of the same stock to another broker?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"So long as there is no collusion and the circumstances are protected, it is not illegitimate," said Mr. Sturgis.

"The important point is that the broker's commission be paid?" asked the lawyer.

"Yes."

"You know that the object of that sort of transaction is to raise or depress the prices of the stock?"

"The object is to create an active market."

"A market that appears to be active, you mean?"

"Yes."

Mr. Untermyer sought in vain to get from Mr. Strugis his view of the position of the trading public in such a trasaction with the stock at a fictitious figure and finally objected to the form of the witness' answers.

"You are asking me a moral question and I'm answering a stock exchange question," said Mr. Strugis, with a smile, and the committee laughed. The witness insisted that these transactions were beyond the power of the exchange for discipline so long as the commissions were paid.

The relations of the New York Stock Exchange and the Consolidated Stock Exchange came in for a share of Mr. Sturgis' attention after the examination of half a dozen members of the Consolidated Exchange, who declared that the stock exchange rules forbid its members to do business with Consolidated brokers, or any one connected with Consolidated. Mr. Strugis asked to be allowed to make a statement on this point. He said that the

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..Theatrical..

"The Rosary," a beautiful little play of touching human interest, was seen at the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon and night, both audiences being rather small.

This is not the first time "The Rosary" has appeared here, but the cast yesterday was probably equal to any appearing in the same production in this city heretofore, and included several members who were with it last year. Mr. Harry Nelson, as Rev. Bryan Kelly, was exceptionally good, as was also Mr. Harry I. Walker, as Charley Harrow. Miss Rose Cameron appeared to good advantage as Vera Wilton and Mr. Henry Garron was splendid as Lee Martin. However, all the members of the cast were fully capable of handling their parts, and it is safe to say that both audiences were thoroughly pleased. "The Rosary" has a touch of sweetness and purity seldom found in theatrical productions of the present day, and few can see it and remain unmoved by its beautiful exposition of the power of divine love.

"The Climax", Matinee and Night.

The next attraction at the Academy will be Weber's noted and popular "Climax", and the people of Wilmington will be offered a double chance to see this superb play, because it will be offered at both matinee and night tomorrow. Seats are now selling at Plummer's, and the scale has been cut, so that the prices downstairs are $1.50, $1.00 and 75 cents, while balcony seats are 75 and 50 cents. The matinee prices are of the popular type, 25, and 50 cents to any part of the theatre.

"The Climax" has received some swell notices withing the past week, and the following comes from the Spartanburg (S. C.) Journal:

"There is a certain class of plays that always finds a welcome when presented by an able company. 'The Old Homestead,' 'Human Hearts' 'Hazel Kirke,' and a number of others were favorites when our grandparents were young; and yet the stars of today occasionally find time to present their humor and pathos for the benefit of the modern generation.

"It is probable that when this present generation has seen two others succeed it, 'The Climax' will be classed along with the plays we have named. It is powerful in that strangely appealing quality which writers call 'human interest', it is a mixture of romance, sorrow and homely philosophy. It is a good melodrama, and for that reason will survive."

Grand Theatre's Big Bill.

So many and such insistent requests have been made that the Grand Theatre management announces that today Mr. Leonard Chick, its soloist, will render again that wonderful song, "Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold." Every patron of the Grand should be sure to hear this song as it will be talked about long after it is sung.

For the holiday throngs there will be an extra offering in the pictures and one of the most thrilling and sensational of the year. It is entitled "The Fire Cop" and the fact that it is a Selig is a sufficient guarantee of its merit. It is a fire comedy drama involving a policeman and tells how he became a hero in spite of himself. It is a laugh from start to finish and possesses that peculiar fascination which always attends the daily life of the policeman and the fire-fighter. There is also another comedy feature on the bill at the Grand today and this is the first presentation of an Essanay, "Almost a Man," It is a screamingly funny comedy portrayed in the Essanay way and the locale of the play is "Spinsters' Rest". The old maid is shown in her true character.

Then there is a third film and all are put on with realistic effects and the music by the complete orchestra.

Big Bill at Bijou

A Pathe, a Lubin and a Kalem, each the very latest and the very best, will be set before the amusement lovers of Wilmington today by the popular, fascinating Bijou. The Bijou already is enjoying a big Yuletide trade, because Christmas shoppers seem to be making this amusement palace their meeting place.

The Pathe today is "A Question of Age," the most refined and wholesome comedy photoplay ever conceived. Returning after many years to greet his old sweetheart, now a widow with children, a man writes that he is loaded down with toys for the little ones, who, however, are grown now. The grown children catch the idea of the occasion, dress up like "kids" and have great fun at the expense of the old man.

The Lubin is a powerful dramatic, "The Struggle of Hearts." It tells of how a minister and a reformed convict love the same woman, and of the noble impulses that beat within the breasts of both, and the heroic sacrifice made by one.

"The Family Tyrant" is the Kalem, and it is a problem film of gripping type.

The new $3,000 electrical orchestral piano has a new programme of superb numbers, classic and popular, for today, which will also prove a pleasing feature.

FUNERAL OF COL. MacRAE.

Impressive Services Yesterday at Maxton—Interment at Eastside.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Maxton, N. C., Dec. 12.—At 11 o'clock today from the home of R. M. Williams was borne the body of Col. E. F. MacRae to the Presbyterian church, where the funeral service was conducted by Dr. H. G. Hill, who took as his theme "The Time is Short". The active pall-bearers were T. O. Evans, A. J. McKinnon, J. W. Carter, A. M. McNair, W. J. Currie, L. L. McGirt. Honorary, Maj. Lee O. Hart, representing the North Carolina Agricultural Society; S. B. McLean, J. P. Wiggins, J. C. Everett, A. H. Currie, D. A. Patterson, John Leach, J. T. Pool, Dr. J. D. Croom, Sr., Mayor McKay McKinnon, A. C. McKinnon.

A special choir sang "Abide With Me," and "Jesus is Mine," at the church and "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Jesus Saviour Pilot Me", at the grave. Floral decorations were numerous and handsome. The North Carolina Agricultural Society, Bank of Maxton, Sunday School class, Merry-Go-Rounds sent wreaths. The body was interred at Eastside cemetery.

VICK'S Croup and Pneumonia SALVE

Use Cottolene For Cooking!

It Cuts Down the Butter Bills

When you shorten or fry food with butter it is needless extravagance. Butter is too expensive for use anywhere but on your table. If butter were really better, would produce better results in cooking, you would be justified in using it, but it won't. *Cottolene* is fully the equal of butter for shortening; it is better for frying. It makes food rich, but not greasy, because it heats to a higher temperature than lard or butter and cooks so quickly that the fat has no chance to "soak in." *Cottolene* is more healthful than lard, and you need to use only two-thirds as much as you would of either butter or lard.

When you stop to consider that the price of *Cottolene* is no more than the price of lard, you can readily figure out what a saving its use in your kitchen means.

Don't be extravagant; don't use butter for cooking; it's too expensive and no better. Don't use lard; it's too uncertain, and greasy.

Do use *Cottolene*, and you will have better, more healthful food, and more money in your pocketbook.

Try this recipe:

GRIDDLE CAKES

1 cup sifted flour	½ teaspoon salt
1 egg	1 tablespoon melted *Cottolene*
½ teaspoon soda	1 teaspoon baking powder

Sift together, the flour, salt, soda, baking powder, add beaten egg and *Cottolene*. Beat well, cook on griddle greased slightly with *Cottolene*.

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STATE TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Kanawha Coal Strike District Without Protection of Soldiers.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 12.—While no proclamation was issued by Governor Glasscock lifting the martial law in the coal strike district of Kanawha county, all the remaining State troops were withdrawn from the zone late today. It is expected that civil law will be restored within two days.

For the first time since November 15th, the strike district tonight is without the protection of soldiers. A majority of the mines affected are working with reduced forces.

FOR EIGHT HOUR WORK DAY.

Senator LaFollette Introduces Measure for Six-Day Week for Women.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A bill providing for an eight-hour work day and a six-day week for women employed in factories in the District of Columbia was introduced today by Senator LaFollette. The measure would prohibit any women under 18 being permitted to work before 7 o'clock in the morning or after 6 o'clock in the evening.

50 new umbrellas today at $1.00 each. C. H. Fore & Co.
(Advertisement.)

The bad taste in your biscuits, cakes and pastry comes from inferior Baking Powder. You'll never find it when using

DAVIS BAKING POWDER

the *purest* and *best* at any price.
1 lb. 20c.—½ lb. 10c.—¼ lb. 5c.
All good Grocers sell it or will get it for you.

Facts in Nature

FOR centuries it has been known that Nature's most valuable health giving agents for the cure of disease are found in our American forests. Over forty years ago Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, N.Y., used the powdered extracts as well as the liquid extracts of native medicinal plants, such as Bloodroot and Queen's root, Golden Seal and Stone root, Cherry bark and Mandrake, for the cure of blood diseases. This prescription as put up in liquid form was called

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Golden Medical Discovery

and has enjoyed a large sale for all these years in every drug store in the land. You can now obtain the powdered extract in sugar-coated tablet form of your medicine dealer, or send 50c in one-cent postage stamps for trial box to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N.Y., and tablets will be mailed, postage prepaid.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" makes rich, red blood, invigorates the stomach, liver and bowels and through them the whole system. Skin affections, blotches, boils, pimples and eruptions—result of bad blood—are eradicated by this alterative extract—as thousands have testified.

Send 31 one-cent stamps to pay cost of mailing only on a free copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser, 1008 pages, clothbound
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IN MEN'S TAILORED SUITS, AT
J. W. H. FUCHS' DEPARTMENT STORE.

The American Art Custom Tailors, of Cincinnati, have authorized us to cut the prices on their entire line of fine woolens. Note these Thrilling Prices:

All $16.50 to $27.50 Suits or Overcoats, for $13.50
$28.50 to $45.00 Suits or Overcoats, for $19.50
$4.50 to $8.00 Pants, for $4.00
$8.75 to $12.00 Pants, for $6.00

This sale will last only a few more days. Call at once, and have your measure taken by an expert cutter, and your Suit will be delivered by Christmas.

J. W. H. FUCHS' DEP'T STORE

28 and 30 South Front Street.

WOOD

We are sawing 500 Cords Stove Length Pine, Oak and Black Jack, mixed, at

Sunset Park

Come get all you want, at 75c. Per Load (¼ cord). 100 Cords 4 ft. Split Pine, $2.00 Per Cord; have spur to load cars at Park; switching charge, per car, $5.00.

"FIDELITY," 14 Princess St.

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ONE big feature of advantage to you in buying these ready-made clothes made by

Hart Schaffner & Marx

is that you see what you get, you see how it fits, you know how you look in it before you buy.

That's one reason for buying ready-made instead of made-to-measure clothes; the other reasons are all included in the fact that such ready-mades as these are better clothes.

The A. David Company

This store is the home of Hart Schaffner & Marx clothes

We are ready for the Christmas Shoppers, with all the things that Men and Boys like, such as Neckwear, Gloves, Smoking Jackets, Lounging Robes, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Sweaters, Pajamas, Etc. Be wise and do your shopping early.

DO IT NOW! WHAT?

Your Christmas Shopping.

Our line is open and at your service. Make your selections before the rush begins.

All goods to be engraved should be bought early. We will put them aside for you.

Suggestions for Engraved Presents: Fobs, Cuff Links, Lockets, Bracelets, Rings, Bar Pins, Comb and Brush Sets, Umbrellas.

Many other Choice Gifts.

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You Can Get the Best

By phoning your order early. We always have a large assortment of Extra Choice Beef, Veal, Lamb, Pork and Poultry.

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"The Home of Quality," with a National Reputation

Christmas Goods

300 Boxes 3-Crown Raisins.
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50 Boxes Seeded Raisins.
100 Boxes Cocoanuts.
50 Bags English Walnuts.
25 Bags Brazil Nuts.
100 Barrels Baldwin Apples.
50 Boxes Oranges.
300 Cases Evaporated Peaches.
50 Cases Evaporated Apples.
200 Bags Sun Dried Apples.

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Wholesale Grocers and Importers.
Wilmington, N. C.

STATEMENT CONDITION

The Murchison National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the Close of Business November 26th, 1912.

RESOURCES:

Loans and Discounts	$4,320,232.83
U. S. Bonds (at par)	551,000.00
Bank Building	73,000.00
Bonds and Other Securities	147,717.50
Cash and Due by Banks	1,459,710.18
	$6,557,630.51

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	$ 825,000.00
Surplus and Net Profits	527,843.13
Circulation	550,000.00
Special Deposit, U. S. Bonds	100,000.00
Deposits	4,554,787.38
	$6,557,630.51

DEPOSITS:

November 26th, 1908	$2,971,810.82
November 26th, 1910	4,144,900.07
November 26th, 1912	4,554,787.38

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J. W. YATES. . . . Vice-President
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ENTRY NO. 9129.

State of North Carolina, New Hanover County.

I hereby enter and lay claim to the following tract of vacant land in the County of New Hanover, State of North Carolina, in Federal Point Township: Beginning at Stephen Key s' and R. B. Freeman's corner at a stake 47 East 48 poles to a lightwood stump the North corner of Peter Maxwell's tract of land; thence South 25 West with the said Peter Maxwell's West line to the South corner in said line; thence about West to the Freeman line, and with said line about North to the beginning, containing Twenty (20) acres, more or less.

This, the 27th day of November, 1912.

SAMUEL A. LEWIS.

Entered and filed this 27th day of November, 1912.

JOHN HAAR,
Register of Deeds and Acting Entry Taker.
no28-30d

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 10, 1912.—Sealed proposals for furnishing and delivering long leaf pine piling for the construction of Lock and Dam No. 1, at King's Bluff, N. C., will be received at this office until 12 M., Jan. 9, 1913, and then publicly opened. Information on application. H. W. Stickle, Eng'rs. de10,11,12,13;ja

AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE

Biennial Report of State Commissioner Graham—Statistics of Production—Mr. Young's Address to Farmers

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 12.—The biennial report of Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham to Governor Kitchin and to the General Assembly that convenes in January, just sent to the State printers, gives some remarkable statistics of crop development since 1860.

It is shown that 30 million bushels of corn were raised in 1860, 34 million in 1908 and 50 million bushels in 1911, these yields being respectively 30.3, 15 and 22.5 bushels per head, respectively, for the different years given.

In cotton the yield in 1860 was 145,-635 bales, one to 6.2 persons; in 1909, 665,132 bales, one-third of a bale to a person and in 1911, 1,125,000 bales or one-half bale to a person.

The wheat crop shows 4,743,000 bushels in 1860; 3,827,000 in 1909, and 7,433,000 in 1911.

Tobacco is 22,853,250 pounds in 1860; 138,813,162 in 1909, and 99,400,-000 pounds in 1911. Other crops show similar gains.

The figures as to farm animals show that in 1860 there were 1,183,214 head of hogs, or 1 1-4 hogs to one person and in 1911 1,123,952 hogs or two to one. The sheep industry shows a big slump, there having been 549,749 sheep in 1860 or 1 1-2 to 1; and only 191,286 in 1911 or 11 to 1.

The report of Major Graham declares that the farmers of the State are by odds more prosperous now than ever before in the history of the State, and he justly claims for the State Department of Agriculture great credit for advances that are being made in farming methods and consequent increases in yields and general prosperity of the farmers.

One of the principal addresses today before the North Carolina Farmers' Union was that by Hon. James R. Young, commissioner of insurance, on "Land and Loan Associations." He quoted President Taft and Harvey Jordan on the pressing need there is for adequate credit systems for American farmers. He detailed the systems of rural credit societies in force in Germany, France, Scotland and other countries and then presented his plan of "Land and Loan Associations," formed largely on the principles of the building and loan associations, making them co-operative savings and loan associations, made up principally of farmers. He believes such associations would inculcate a spirit of self-help and the co-operation that in due course of time would supply funds on good terms that would enable the farmers to work out their problems with hope and confidence. He declared it possible for the State to help finance these institutions through State bonds that would take over the bonds of the local institutions on a difference possibly two per cent. that would hasten the maturity of the bonds and secure credits to indebtedness ranging from $104 for five years to $999 for 35 years. He thinks no additional laws are necessary to make possible the organization of these proposed Land and Loan Associations.

The North Carolina Farmers' Union adjourned this afternoon after the most successful annual convention in its history.

The union adopted a series of recommendations to the Legislature made by President H. Q. Alexander, including six months' rural school term, compulsory school attendance, teaching farm life subjects in State Normal schools, a State school commission elected for the qualification rather than on account of positions as State officers, reform in taxing system, elimination of double taxation in cases of mortgaged lands, inheritance income tax, Torrens land system, working convicts on roads, tax on dogs for benefit of schools.

Dr. A. J. Kelway, secretary of the National Child Labor Committee, denounced mill operators who are flooding the rural districts with literature designed to dissatisfy farm families, with their conditions and lure them to mill villages. He denounced unfair competition between the mill and the farm and roundly denounced the work of Thos. R. Dawley, of the National Labor Bureau, in his recent bood, "The Child That Toileth Not," in which Dawley makes the vilest stand, says Dr. McKelway, on farm life in Western Carolina. Dr. McKelway declared that from years of personal observation he knows the North Carolina mountain people are noted for their intelligence, and morality, although there may be in isolated coves families in degrees of squalor. He appealed to the farmers to lend a hand especially in stopping some unprincipled mill men from spreading literature among farming people designed to belittle farm life and paint mill life as appearing the ideal.

Supt. William Eggleston, of this division of the Southern Express Co., and Local Manager J. J. Bowen, are rejoicing over the prompt arrest of the express travelers' check flasher who cashed such checks here in Raleigh banks to the amount of over $300 yesterday. The fictitious name of J. A. Meyers was used, the man's name being really Jones.

He was a former employe of the express company at Portsmouth and was arrested there last night. The checks were stolen from the Portsmouth office and cashed in the Citizens' National Bank.

Governor Kitchin issued today a proclamation for the presidential electors for North Carolina to meet in Raleigh January 13th, for the formality of casting the vote of the State for Woodrow Wilson and naming a delegate to convey the vote of the State to the National Electoral College.

London, Dec. 12.—The committee stage of the Home Rule bill was completed in the House of Lords tonight amid exciting demonstrations and counter-demonstrations. The House then immediately adjourned. Premier Asquith and his ministers were given an ovation as they left the chamber.

500 doz. ladies', gents' and children's handkerchiefs, especially for the holiday trade. C. H. Fore & Co.
(Advertisement.)

YOUTHFUL ROBBERS TRIED.

Two Sentenced in Greensboro—Wilmington Lad is Acquitted.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—A verdict of guilty as to two, and not guilty as to a third, was returned in the Superior Court here after a deliberation over night by a jury. The trial consumed all of yesterday, the case going to the jury about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The defendants were William Rodgers, of Joplin, Mo.; Arthur Paulk, of Shawnee, Okla., and Richard Branch, of Wilmington, N. C., all self-confessed adventurers or soldiers of fortune and who, in the determination to get to the next point, never hesitated about a little thing like railroad fare.

The defendants, all of neat appearance in court and evidencing brightness and intelligence by their testimony, were charged with robbing the large department store at White Oak Mills about two months ago, all being taken at South Boston, Va., a few days later. The verdict of guilty applied to the Rodgers and Paulk boys, while Branch was acquitted.

The Branch boy got off by the skin of his teeth and even the jury admitted that only a "State line" saved him. When arrested Branch gave his name as James Johnson, but when the trial began yesterday morning the father of the boy, who had come here from Wilmington, asked the court to make the docket show the boy's real name to be Richard Branch, declaring that he wanted him to stand trial and be convicted or acquitted under his own name. The boy gave as a reason for the alias a desire to keep his people from knowing that he was in trouble.

The evidence in the case showed that one night during the local fair the White Oak store was entered and considerable merchandise in the way of trinkets, watches, knives and shoes taken. It was also shown that at about 1 o'clock on the same night the three boys met at the local station and agreed to hobo to Richmond. Branch's attorneys fought on the point that the robbery was committed prior to this time and to prove Branch's lack of participation showed that he was at the fair grounds up to 1 o'clock. The State contended that even in this event Branch knowingly profited, showing also that he appropriated to his own use as well as peddled the stolen wares. The jury, after short deliberation, asked the court if Branch should be found guilty if the jury believed he was not aware of the fact that the goods were stolen until after he had crossed the State line. Judge Whedbee held that if the jury was of the opinion that Branch was ignorant of the robbery when he joined the other two boys and remained so until after crossing the Virginia line that it would be a matter for the Virginia State court to handle as to Branch. By its verdict the jury indicated a belief that Branch was not a participant in the robbery or aware of it until after getting over the State line. It was shown that after reaching Danville, just over the line, the boys split the stolen wares, each peddling out his portion. That was the technicality upon which Branch escaped, notwithstanding Rodgers, when realizing Branch was about to get through a loop hole, went on the stand and admitted his part in the robbery and also declared that Branch went into the store.

Judge Whedbee this afternoon passed sentence of three years in the case of Rodgers and four years for Paulk. Rodgers saved a year by admitting his part in the robbery.

GRAND JURY CRITICISED

No Recommendation as to New Court House for Guilford

(Special Star Telegram.)

Greensboro, N. C., December 12.—Judge Whedbee criticised the grand Jury this afternoon for its failure to embody in its report the recommendation that the Guilford county commissioners take immediate steps looking toward the building of a new and modern Court House in Guilford. In his charge Monday Judge Whedbee called attention to the great need of a better temple of justice.

The report of the grand jury merely suggested that a few repairs be made, such as a new floor in the clerk's office, a few additional shelves in the sheriff's office and such trifles in other offices.

"That report," remarked the court, "is substantially an admission of the fact that you are in bad need of a decent court building."

ABERNETHY CAPTAIN.

Right Tackle on '12 Varsity Will Lead Tar Heels Next Year.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 12.—Lonnie Lee Abernethy, member of the Junior class of the University of North Carolina, for three years right tackle on the 'Varsity football team, was elected captain of the 1913 squad yesterday.

BEWARE YOUNG MAN

It's the Little Dandruff Germs That Are Causing Your Hair to Thin Out.

Parisian Sage Stops Falling Hair and Does Not Contain Poisonous Lead or Dyes.

The clever young man of today doesn't take any chances on losing his hair. A man who is baldheaded at 30 looks like 45, and is placed at a disadvantage when seeking employment.

If you have dandruff it means down near the roots of your hair an army of dandruff germs are attacking the hair root, and destroying its vitality.

Then hair falls out; grows thin, and baldness results. Young man, put your faith in delightful PARISIAN SAGE, it will stop falling hair, kill dandruff germs, abolish dandruff and itching scalp, or money back.

PARISIAN SAGE is only 50 cents a bottle, at R. R. Bellamy's, and dealers everywhere. Girl with Auburn hair on every carton. Ask for PARISIAN SAGE.

COLORED MASONS

Grand Lodge of North Carolina in Session at Asheville

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Asheville, N. C., December 12.—Pertinent features of the 43rd annual session of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. A. Masons of the jurisdiction of North Carolina, which is doing a great work in the development of the negro race was the resolution thanking the Southern Railway for the excellent services it rendered the fraternity by running a special train with two Pullman sleepers from Raleigh to this city, for the delegates. Thursday night at 12 P. M., the same train will return with hundreds of the Eastern delegates. The other feature of the Grand Lodge is the masterly address of the M. W. G. M., R. B. McRary. He was given a pronounced ovation and in part exclaimed: "As a moral force I am confident that Masonry, men of color, is not losing, but rather gaining power. Masonry amongst us in North Carolina is not simply a society for the passing of a pleasant social hour, and the cultivation of the peculiar arts of which we as fraternity men are patrons. It is that and more. It is an institution in which our members are taught to be better husbands and fathers, better providers, more tolerant neighbors, more desirable all round citizens, and when she comes fully to her own, the conventional distinctions between good men will be effaced."

Col. Jas. H. Young, grand endowment secretary, made his report and the organization is in better condition than it has ever been. Since this department has been organized nearly a quarter of million of dollars have been paid widows and orphans of deceased members of the fraternity.

Edward Story, of Wilmington, was master of ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of Sorrow. Wilmington is well represented.

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are one of the most important presents, and you are beginning to think very seriously of presents, aren't you?. It is time you not only thought but bought those Christmas gifts you know will delight the recipient. Our stock of boots, shoes and slippers is for your special inspection, and we invite your most critical examination. When given as presents they should be perfect—in styles, leathers, fit and comfort.

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Bring in the whole family and see if we haven't something that will please everyone of them.

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Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington. Effective September 8th, 1912. Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES:	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS:
No. 90, ‡ 3:40 A.M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. No. 91 leaves Norfolk 12:35 P. M. and Richmond 4:10 P. M.	No. 91, a 1:00 A. M.
No. 51, * 5:35 A. M.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars Between Wilmington and Columbia, open to receive passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50, *12:30 A. M.
No. 64, ‡ 5:50 A. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 65, ‡ 6:25 P. M.
No. 48, * 8:30 A. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York Trains with Pullman Service.	No. 49, * 6:15 P. M.
No. 53, * 8:45 A. M.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford	No. 52, * 8:05 P. M.
No. 55, * 3:15 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway (‡), Florence, Charleston, Savannah, All Florida Points, Columbia, Asheville and the West. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia.	No. 54, * 1:40 P. M.
No. 62, * 3:25 P. M.	Jacksonville, Newbern and Intermediate Stations.	No. 63, *12:50 P. M.
No. 59, ‡ 6:30 P. M.	Fayetteville, Sanford and Intermediate Stations.	No. 60, ‡10:15 A. M.
No. 42, * 7:00 P. M.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York trains, with Pullman and Dining Car Service. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41, *10:00 A. M.
No. 57, ‡ 7:30 P. M.	Chadbourn, Conway and Intermediate Stations.	No.58, ‡ 8:15 A. M.

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SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

In Effect October 20, 1912.

Winter Park, Wrightsville, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Winter Park	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for Wrightsville	EAST BOUND. Leave Wilmington for The Beach	WEST BOUND. Leave Winter Park for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave Wrightsville for Wilmington	WEST BOUND. Leave The Beach for Wilmington
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Schedule in Effect Thursday, Sept. 5, 1912.

P. M.		A. M.
3:15 Lv	Wilmington	Ar. 8:15
4:05 "	Town Creek	" 7:20
4:20 "	Bolivia	" 7:05
4:55 Ar.	Southport	Lv. 6:30

Mixed train operated daily except Sunday Leaving Navassa at 8:30 A. M., arriving Leaving Navasso at 8:30 A. M., arriving Southport 10:35 A. M. Leaving Southport 11:20 A. M., arriving Navassa, 1:15 P. M.

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Lv. Durham	7:00 a.m.	5:30 p.m.
Lv. Lynchburg	2:40 p.m.	2:50 a.m.
Ar. Cincinnati	7:20 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Ar. Columbus	6:45 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
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Friday, December 13, 1912.

South Carolina needs a Cole chute.

It seems to be unanimous for Editor Daniels.

If it weren't for ignorance bliss would be blister.

The crowd goes right on with its back to the farm.

Speaking about Thanksgiving, where did Turkey come in?

Most everybody had a hand in putting the dent in dentist.

The trouble about the average man is that he wants to be above the average.

The man who "does things" without thinking of the consequences is pretty apt to do himself.

Some men break into the limelight and others simply burglarize it. Some flit through it and others camp on it.

A woman's idea of her husband is that the kind of a stenographer he needs is some sensible young man.

The holidays would not be enjoyed if it were not for the pay days that come regularly once a week or once a month.

Many a politician claims to represent "the plain people" but their wives dress differently from the way their husbands talk.

Some lawyers depend on the facts in the case, others rely upon the law in the case, and it all depends upon the money in the case.

Some men pretend to believe in the rule of the people but they are dissatisfied when the people decide to rule them out of the game.

An Oklahoma town has got an order from the State Corporation Commission, authorizing the town to be moved four miles from its original site. Without any order from the North Carolina Corporation Commission, Wilmington is on the move every day and Sunday, too—moving onward and upward. Wilmington has overgrown her corporate limits, but all of it is Wilmington and for Wilmington.

While some of the Progressives want to take George W. Perkins by the scruff of the neck and put him out of the party, he declares that the Bull Moose party must live. That party is worth more and means more to Mr. Perkins and his interests than it does to the jays who want to eliminate him from a party which has benefitted more from his money than it has from the brains of the anti-Perkins Bull Moosers.

The Greenville Daily Reflector has entered upon the nineteenth year of its career. Editor D. J. Whichard founded the paper and he has been right on the job for 18 years, making it better every day. Through his pluck and indefatigable efforts, Greenville has a daily worthy of a much larger town, and considering what his paper is doing for his town we should say that one of Greenville's chief assets is Editor Dave Whichard.

At the Bull Moose gathering in Chicago a few days ago, Colonel Roosevelt ridiculed those who are "ever pointing to the dear old constitution." Evidently he could say about the same thing as Governor Cole Blease, of South Carolina, said about the constitution. We confess to fear of those who want to tear down the old landmarks. The limitations placed on the government by the constitution will serve the people well in all times of difficulty.

HOSTILITY TO THE PARCELS POST.

Some interests in this country are hostile to the parcels post, which new system of government carrying is to go into effect in this country on the 1st of next January. Not alone are some interior interests opposed to the government's new venture, but some of the larger cities are dissatisfied with the system as it is embodied in the act of Congress. Naturally, New York is dissatisfied with the zone feature and the differential rates applying to each zone.

So far as the smaller cities are concerned, the objections raised by New York are to the advantage of the smaller cities and rural communities. To have passed the act as New York wanted it would have made it fatal to widespread interests without regard to sections. According to the views of New York opponents of the parcels post, the zone system has the objection that rates of postage for carrying parcels based on distance disturbs the principal of equality of competition for all parts of the country. They contend that on the single rate plan all sellers and all buyers would have been on terms of even competition, but that on the zone plan there is favor for those patrons adjacent to good markets not available to the same extent to those at greater distances. For instance, New York wanted rates fixed like the rates of postage—the same from all points. The great metropolis wanted a carrying rate of 15 cents for eleven pounds from New York and from all over the country without regard to distance. Says the Syracuse Post-Standard, referring to New York's atitude:

"It is not equal treatment with its competitors which New York seeks, but inequality; it is not justice but favor; it is not a self-supporting system for the carriage of parcels, but a government subsidy to give the New York mail order houses an advantage over the local merchant in his market."

Doubtless, the Syracuse paper explains New York's hostility to the parcels post, but as a matter of fact a flat rate in force from all parts would have been the worst form of inequality. It would have given the big cities an advantage over the small cities, and the small cities would have had the advantage over towns and rural business interests. However, there could be no more good business reason why the government should establish a flat rate for carrying parcels without regard to distance and cost of service, than there would be in demanding that railroads gave a flat rate or that the express companies have a flat rate for express, whether it be carried 10 miles or 3,000 miles. Such a thing would be preposterous from a business standpoint.

At best, the parcels post may have its inequalities, and it may turn out to be a burden to the government. At any rate, it is only a business venture and the government will have to conduct it on business lines or meet with failure if not disaster. The zone system is pretty much on the district system that the railroads find a basis for differentiating their rates to and from different points. What would be thought of a railroad that would charge the same rate for hauling a bale of cotton 1,000 miles that it would for hauling it 100 miles?

THE HON. WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

Wilmington will give a sincere and warm welcome to the Hon. William Jennings Bryan when he comes to this city next Monday to lecture in the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church. The subject of his lecture will be "The Making of a Man", and it is a fortunate circumstance that so able a man and accomplished orator is coming into our midst to speak on a subject so elevating and broad in its application everywhere.

Col. Bryan needs no introduction to the people of Wilmington, though his visit on Monday will be his first appearance in this city. However, our people know him as a statesman, orator, editor and upliter. It is not alone in politics or on the platform as lecturer that our people know him. He is known for his strong Christian character and as the powerful advocate of religion, the expounder of right, and the friend of justice. His heart throbs for mankind and he is a leader of men—leader in the great battle for morality and in the politics and civics of his country. Whatever may be the divergency of view between the great commoner and men generally all agree that he is a big man from any angle, and all recognize in him the greatness of character that wins him admirers among men without regard to politics.

Mr. Bryan's reception in Wilmington will be participated in by men of all parties and religions, and his welcome will be none the less warm and hearty because of either politics, denomination, or sect. Our people esteem it a great honor for him to visit our city and consider it a great pleasure to have this opportunity to hear him upon a subject of the most vital importance to all men. As statesman, orator, editor and commoner, Col. Bryan is one of the big men of this country. Politically, he occupies a large place in the United States, and to him million will look for the performance of a great part in the success of the Democratic administration which assumes charge of the government of the Republic on the 4th of next March.

Prior to the recent election, it was said by some of the press that Col. Roosevelt has a stronger personal following than any man in America, but the election result shows that such honor belongs to Col. Bryan. If we may judge by the vote he received almost on a distinctly personal basis, he leads Col. Roosevelt by nearly 3,000,000 in following in his own party, and moreover, he has the confidence and admiration of millions of Republicans and independents who have not signified their belief in him by their votes. We should say, therefore, that on Monday next, Wilmington will have within her gates the one American who has the strongest personal following among Americans of all parties. He is a great public figure and looms large in the affairs of this country, his political force having affected not only his own party but practically revolutionized the standard of the opposition.

COLONEL E. F. M'RAE

In the death of Colonel E. F. McRae, the State has lost a loyal son, Robeson county a valuable citizen, and Maxton an exemplary man. A man of fine intelligence, sturdy character, and staunch integrity is a strong force in his community. Such was Colonel McRae, so that in his death the grave has claimed a man whose loss falls heavily upon his town, his county and his State. The best hope for his community is that its young men would take the place of Colonel McRae in the respect, esteem and confidence of his community. He was honored and was worthy of honor. His love for his State was such that he was ever true to its best interests. His family relations were tender and true, he was punctual in his church duties and upright in his dealings with men. The whole State can sincerely sympathize with his family and community in the loss that falls heaviest upon them.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Free tolls on the Panama canal benefit only the shipping industry, but if tolls were charged and the money turned into the treasury the whole people would be benefitted.—Durham Herald.

Not only Wilmington and other cities in this State, but Rock Hill, Sumter and other towns in South Carolina are complaining bitterly of the lack of houses. There's only one remedy, gentlemen. Give the people a home-building plan which will enable them to build and own their own homes and there will be no scarcity, for there are few people who prefer to pay rent to owning their own home. Organize building and loan associations and adopt series that will allow the home-builder to extend his payments over 10 or 15 years if he desires to do so, thus enabling the salaried man to pay for his home and at the same time retain enough of his weekly or monthly salary to support his family. Our associations are doing wonderful work here, but home-builders are finding it increasingly difficult to carry a given number of building and loan shares with the present high cost of living and it is but a matter of time when they will offer shares with payments extending over a considerably longer period. There is a distinct demand for loans with smaller payments over a longer period and it must be filled sooner or later.—Charlotte Chronicle.

BASKETBALL AT ELON.

Making Ready for Inter-collegiate Events After Christmas Holidays.

Elon College, N. C., Dec. 12.—Coach Doak and Gymnasial Director Miller arranged a basketball meet for the college classes this Fall, preparatory to the Inter-Collegiate events after the Christmas holidays. From the very start the interest in this meet was tense, and enthusiasm grew as each individual event approached its scheduled time for transpiration.

The first event was pulled off by the Freshman and Sophomore classes, the Freshman winning by the safe score of 35 to 13.

The next contest occurred between the Seniors and Sophomores, the Sophomores again biting the dust, only it was a hard-wood floor, to the tune of 27 to 26.

The Juniors then gave the Seniors a trial of strength and lost by the inglorious score of 36 to 15.

The final contest then was pulled off between the new adventists into college life and those who had weathered three full years and a part of the fourth of college experience. The interest was keen in the outcome. The Seniors were represented by Holland, center; Rand, right forward; Wicker, left forward; Newman, right guard; and Hook, left guard. The Freshmen appeared on the scene with Atkinson, center; Vaughan, right forward; Bradford, left forward; Beale, right guard; and Harwood, left guard.

The Freshmen had by far the stronger team, but agility and pluck on the part of the Seniors kept the official score down to 16 to 13. By this victory the Freshmen are the victorious quint of the basketball meet of the Fall term. Coach Doak is satisfied that the meet has done much to train the squad for the inter-collegiate events of the Winter term. The new men's gymnasium will be ready for the inter-collegiate meets after the Christmas holidays.

Honolulu, December 12.—It was announced here today that Rear Admiral W. C. Cowles, commandant of the United States naval station at Honolulu, would be relieved February 21st. It was stated unofficially that he would become commander of the Pacific fleet. No information was obtainable as to who would succeed him.

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VICK'S Croup and Pneumonia SALVE

REGIMENTAL ELECTION

Second Infantry Meets at Goldsboro Today—Kinston News Notes

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., December 12.—Officers of the Second North Carolina Infantry will assemble in Goldsboro tomorrow night to elect the successor to Col. H. C. Bragaw, recently resigned after serving ten years as the commanding officer of that outfit. Eleven towns are represented in the regiment, Kinston having one company, band and hospital detachment; Goldsboro, two companies, and each of the other nine towns one company each, and all of these places will have one or more delegates present. Only two candidates are known to be after the honor to be bestowed, and who Colonel Bragaw's successor will be is a matter very much in doubt. Those who would accept the colonelcy are said to be Lieutenant Colonel J. VanB. Metts, of Wilmington, and Major W. C. Rodman, of Washington.

Of the nearly 100 cases which came up for trial in Lenoir county court this week at the criminal term, only one was hotly contested. Many of the cases were disposed of by nol pros. continued under former order, submission, etc., and the case of three farmers for assault with deadly weapons, hard fought, prevented the term's being concluded yesterday afternoon. Another unusual feature of the session is that only one prisoned was sentenced to the roads and none to the State prison, Richard Beaman, a negro, being given two years for attempted criminal assault on a young colored girl.

The tobacco market here will close on December 20th, after its most successful season in several years. The present crop has moved more rapidly than any in history, it is said, and the prices have broken all records. The crop is practically all sold in eastern North Carolina, and by the first of the coming week the breaks will be insignificant.

The rulings of the Fraternal Mystic Circle at Pink Hill and Secrets, near here, are to be consolidated at a meeting of the former Saturday. This action was determined upon because of the contiguity of the two lodges, and the 16 members at Secrets will be transferred to the Pink Hill ruling, thus increasing the membership there to about 65. The consolidation will be celebrated by an elaborate Christmas entertainment and dance in the holidays, to which the 100 members of the Kinston ruling will be invited.

Canvassers of the Kinston Red Cross committee yesterday sold 7,222 Red Cross seals, disposing of almost half of the stamps which it was at first thought would be requisite for the local demand. It is expected that 30,000 or more seals will be sold here.

RICHMOND COUNTY PURCHASE

Personal Enterprise of Frederick T. Gates, Formerly With Rockefeller

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 12.—It develops that the widely published report that Jno. D. Rockefeller had invested in gigantic agricultural development around Hoffman, Richmond county, is an error, the enterprise being entirely a personal enterprise by Frederick T. Gates, who was for 20 years manager of Mr. Rockefeller's private investments and benevolences but who, as he expresses it, has resigned all but friendship relations with Mr. Rockefeller and is to now devote himself entirely to his Richmond county developments and other personal investments. Also he will devote special interest and attention to public philanthropies, including the general education board, the Rockefellow Institute, Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work and the Hookworm Commission. Mr. Gates has written Dr. Jno. A. Ferrell, director of the North Carolina Hookworm campaign, setting the fact out clearly that it is he and not Mr. Rockefeller who has purchased the 27,000 acres of land in Richmond county and is launching the mammoth agricultural enterprise. Dr. Ferrell declares that he believes the coming of Mr. Gates to North Carolina means more to this State than did the coming of Flagler to Florida, in that Flagler erected hotels for the idle rich, whereas, Mr. Gates will spend his money in demonstrating that country life can be made attractive, healthy, comfortable and profitable thereby providing homes of independence and happiness for the farmer. Dr. Ferrell says: "I think we are fortunate in having Mr. Gates make his home in North Carolina and that a fitting welcome for him is in order."

"Till the Sands of the Desert Grow Cold."

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Furniture and Fixtures	1,804.54	Profits	3,409.64
Real Estate	12,000.00	Deposits	170,608.78
Cash	16,052.05		
Total	$224,018.42	Total	$224,018.42

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Y. M. C. A. WON FROM BRIGADE

Bowling Contest Last Night at Armory Proved of Much Interest—Basketball Games Again Tonight

The Y. M. C. A. men scored first blood in the bowling contest last night at the Boys' Brigade in their games with the members of that institution. Three games were bowled and the Y. M. C. A. men won the first two and lost the third. In the first game the Y. M. C. A. men scored 384 and the Brigade 378. In the second game the Y. M. C. A. scored 460 and the Brigade 418, while in the third game the Y. M. C. A. scored 428 and the Brigade 453.

The Y. M. C. men led at the end of the first game by six pins, at the end of the second 44 pins, but in the third game the Brigade pulled up and cut this lead of 50 pins down to 18, the final score being Y. M. C. A., 1,268; Boys' Brigade, 1,249. H. Woolcott did the best work of the evening, winning high score in every game, and his total score being 482, his average 160 2-3. Louis Davis was second high, his score being 449, average 149 2-3. R. Burnett was third with a score of 402, average 134. Leitch and Register tied with a score of 398, average 132 2-3, and J. B. Huntington was low with a score of 389, average 129 2-3. This gives the honors of the evening to Mr. Woolcott, whose work saved the games for his team as two of the Brigade men made higher scores than their opponents. There will be six more games in the series, the total score of the nine determining the final winners.

There are just two more games of basketball in the series now being contested at the Brigade, one tonight and one next week. Tonight the games are very important, probably the most important of the season. The Eagles will meet Company B, the Juniors will play the Cardinals and the Seniors will play Company A. At present Company B leads with the Cardinals, Company A and the Juniors tie for second place. The Seniors are third and the Eagles last. Company B is now playing hard to maintain the lead they have over the other teams but to hold first place it will be necessary for them to defeat the Eagles tonight and Company A next Friday night. Either the Cardinals or the Juniors will go into third place tonight and each will play hard to hold second place as the team which loses tonight will have no chance for first place under any conditions. The chances of Company A holding its place is good, if one may judge by past performances, so that after tonight only two teams will remain tie for second place. Which teams these will be is hard to predict as all are playing good ball and the scores cannot be predicted before hand with any degree of certainty, though there are many who pick the Juniors, Company A and Company B to win tonight. This will leave the latter in first place with the other two second and the Cardinals third.

All the games will be good but that between the Cardinals and the Juniors is expected to eclipse the others. The teams have been working hard to get into shape for this game which means and they will go upon the floor tonight fit to the minute for the hardest kind of a game. The interest among the followers of these games is intense and the excitement great with the followers of each team boasting of what their favorites will do to their opponents when they meet in this game.

They will line-up as follows: Cardinals, Davis, C. W., and Irving, forwards; Huhn, center; Davis, C. C., and King, J. U., guards. Juniors, Davis, N., and Shephard, forwards; Farrar, center; Davis, K., and Johnson, guards. Seniors, LeGwin and Strauss, forwards; Filyaw, center; LeMoyne and Lewis, guards. Company A, Hanson and Gerdes, forwards; Fick, center; Duls and Kure, guards. Company B, Branch and Register, H., forwards; Borneman, center; Register, E., and Sholar, guards. Eagles, Fowler J., and Fowler, G., forwards; Burnett, center; Gerdes and McCartney, guards. The games will begin at 8:30. The public is invited.

MR. HOCUTT AT ROANOKE.

Former Superintendent of Roads in New Hanover is Making Good.

Many friends in Wilmington will read with interest the following from a recent issue of a Roanoke, Va., paper relative to the work of Mr. Hocutt, formerly superintendent of roads of this county, but now a member of the engineering corps of the Virginia State Highway Commission with headquarters in Roanoke:

"That Roanoke is attracting the attention of ousiders because of its interest in and building of good roads is shown by the visit here today of Mr. Charles Dew, consulting engineer on highway improvement in the Birmingham district. Mr. Dew was taken over the new Salem road to the convict camp by Secretary Shafer, of the Chamber of Commerce, and is spending the day in conference with Col. Hocutt, the State road engineer, in charge of Roanoke county road building.

"Mr. Dew's visit, he says, was brought about by the good reputation Roanoke bears in the matter of the good roads movement and he was pleased to note the results. He is seeking information about the use of convicts in road building and it is for this purpose that he is conferring particularly with Col. Hocutt. Mr. Dew will leave this evening for Atlantic City, to attend the American Road Congress. He will use the information about Roanoke and one or two other places in a special article that he is preparing and the write-up will be accompanied by photographs of roads and road building in this vicinity."

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SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS

Mr. Richard A. Burnett Named for Position Held Temporarily by Mr. W. H. Shearin—Begin Duties Next Monday.

Mr. Richart A. Burnett, one of Wilmington's best known and most popular citizens, for a number of years connected with the Spiritine Works, but more recently in charge of bridge construction work for Mr. A. D. O'Brien, the engineer, in Georgia, was elected yesterday as superintendent of the roads of the county to succeed Mr. W. H. Shearin, who has held the position temporarily. Mr. Shearin was not a candidate for the position and it is said he is glad to be relieved of the arduous duties. The election of Mr. Burnett was made by the permanent roads committee, of which Chairman M. S. Wilard, of the County Commissioners, is chairman.

The salary to be paid Mr. Burnett to begin with will be about $100 a month, it is understood, though this is yet to be passed upon by the full board in regular session. The county will also feed Mr. Burnett's horse that will be used by him in visiting the road work. However, this may not be for a very long period, as there is understood to be a feeling among members of the board that the county should purchase and maintain a runabout automobile for the use of the superintendent of roads.

Mr. Burnett gave up his position in Georgia some days ago and will take up his work for the county next Monday, though he will not take full charge until January 1st. The time intervening will be used in familiarizing himself with his new duties. Mr. Shearin will continue as superintendent until the first of the year and will lend Mr. Burnett whatever assistance he can.

Mr. Shearin has the contract to feed the county convicts and it is understood that he will be permitted to keep the contract for some time yet. However, it is the purpose of the Commissioners to ultimately employ a steward and do away with the contract system of feeding the convicts.

Chairman Willard said yesterday that he considered the county very fortunate in being able to secure the services of Mr. Burnett, who will doubtless make the county a valuable man in the capacity he has been chosen. While in the employ of the Spiritine Works Mr. Burnett was sent to Europe to erect a plant for the concern, being away for several months. He continued with the company for a while longer and then took a position with Mr. O'Brien—a position that paid him considerably more than he will receive from the county, but the work he is about to engage in is not away from home. Mr. Burnett was a member of the old Police Commission, which was abolished with the adoption of the commission form of government nearly two years ago. While employed by Mr. O'Brien he was engaged in the construction of bridges and is considered an expert in this line. He also knows something of road building and it is said that there are few men in this county that know more about working hands than Mr. Burnett. He is very popular and his selection will no doubt give general satisfaction.

Chairman Willard's idea is to replace any of the present wooden bridges which give out, with concrete structures and these would be built under the direct supervision of the new superintendent.

Work on the Federal Point road will be resumed immediately. It was to have been resumed two or three days ago and rock was gotten as far as Greenfield, where it would have been turned over to the county's temporary railroad. It was discovered that a wheel on the county's locomotive was broken and will have to be taken to the shops for repair. It will be several days perhaps before the locomotive will be in use. Although the retiring board of Commissioners adopted a resolution that the link between Third and Fourth districts, a distance of a block, at Greenfield, be improved, thus connecting Fourth street with the Federal Point road, it was not the intention of the present board to do the work for some time yet. However, since the county locomotive is out of commission for a few days and there are four loads of rock convenient to the proposed work, the improvement will be made right away. The county furnishes the rock and the city is to build the link. The city is to put a force of hands on the work today.

The convict cage that has been used at Castle Haynes for some time will be removed this week to a point on the Federal Point road and will remain there until the road has been completed. A sufficient number of convicts to complete the road will be kept at the cage. Under the present arrangements the convicts have to be taken down to the work every morning and brought back every night, meaning the loss of several hours each day.

Day Work is Satisfactory.

For the past several days a portion of the sanitary work has been done in the day time and the officers of the health department are elated at the success of the experiment. The work has been entirely satisfactory, so they say, and Chief E. Piner, of the sanitary police, said yesterday that no complaints of the service have been heard. In fact, the people seemed to be better satisfied with the day service than they ever have been with the night work, according to the reports at the health department. For the past few days only afternoon trips have been made, but beginning yesterday the wagons make morning trips as well as afternoon and night trips.

Pythians Meetings.

Dr. W. C. Galloway, of this city, has accepted an invitation to represent Col. Walker Taylor, also of this city, Grand Councillor, Knights of Pythias, at the Fourth District meeting at St. Paul's, Robeson county, on December 18th. Dr. Galloway, who is eloquent speaker and ardent Pythian, will deliver an address on this occasion. The Pythians of the First District will hold their convention at Cronly on the night of December 19th. Grand Chancellor Taylor, Deputy Grand Chancellor J. D. Nutt, and Capt. Thos. D. Meares, Supreme Master of Exchequer, are among those who will attend from Wilmington.

THE BALTIMOREANS TO COME.

Trio of Fine Musicians to Take Place of the Litchfields.

The subscribers to the Boys' Brigade Lyceum Course will be pleased to learn that after much correspondence an attraction has been secured to fill the cancelled engagement of the Neil Litchfield Trio who failed to appear on November 29th, because of the serious illness of Mr. Litchfield. Various attractions were offered, but all were refused because it was thought that they would not measure up to the standard, which the management of this course has established, but at last a really high class attraction has been secured in The Baltimoreans, a company of three artists from the Peabody Conservatory of Music at Baltimore, Miss Hazel Knox Bornschein, Olga Von Hartz and Franz C. Bornschein.

Of these the Radcliffe Lyceum Bureau has the following to say: "The Baltimoreans are a concert company composed of three versatile artists, each of whom is able to add more than one attractive feature to the programme. Story and music are charmingly combined, and aside from the usual musical numbers and readings which are given, many special subjects of a unique, original and attractive nature are offered. Hazel Knox Bernschein has had a marked success as a singer and reader. Her work shows natural qualities and artistic finish. Her impersonations and character delineations are irresistably humorous or pathetically emotional, telling, virile and true to life. Vocally she thrills her hearers to enthusiasm, be it in classic song or group of simple ballads, her voice having that winning appeal and natural charm which never fails to be sympathetic. Olga Von Hartz is a violinist prepossessing in appearance, but it is her playing that compels attention. Her interpretations are full of depth and feeling, spirit and fire, and are imbued with strong personal magnetism. Her studies have been under Franz C. Bornschein at Peabody Conservatory of Music where she has also pursued supplementary courses in piano and theory.

"Franz C. Bornschein, as an accompanist, adds greatly to the effectiveness of the work of the above artists. His original treatment of the piano parts to the groups of old songs lends a background to these favorites and thus enhances their charm. He appears both as a violin and a viola soloist and in duets with Miss Von Hartz and other ensemble numbers."

This is a much more expensive number than the Neil Litchfield Trio and was secured only after much effort and trouble. The date set for their appearance is Thursday night, January 2nd.

MRS. R. E. SMITH DEAD

Passed Away Suddenly at Family Home In This City Yesterday

Many friends were shocked and saddened yesterday morning to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. R. E. Smith, wife of Mr. R. E. Smith, general superintendent of motive power of the Atlantic Coast Line, which occurred about 8 o'clock at the family home in this city, No. 510 Dock street. Mrs. Smith had not been in the best of health for some time, but was as well apparently as usual on Wednesday evening. Yesterday morning she arose and had gone into an adjoining room and must have suffered an acute attack of the heart. Members of the family were horrified a short time thereafter to find her unconscious in the room. Physicians were hastily summoned but she was beyond human aid.

Mr. Smith left the city Wednesday evening for an important business trip to Washington, D. C., and had just arrived there yesterday morning when he was reached by long distance telephone and informed of the sudden death of Mrs. Smith. An only son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. Vaughan Smith, is a student at Georgetown University in Washington, and both he and his father left at once for Wilmington, reaching here by special train from Richmond, Va., at 8:30 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Smith is survived by her husband, Mr. R. E. Smith; her mother, Mrs. C. A. Davis, who had made her home in Wilmington with the family for several years; a orother, Mr. Chas. E. Davis; one son, Mr. Vaughan Smith, and two daughters, Miss Margaret Smith and Miss Ruth Stewart Smith. The bereaved ones have the tenderest sympathy of a host of friends in Wilmington and elsewhere.

The funeral will be conducted from the family residence this afternoon at 5:45 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church and the body will be taken to Norfolk, Va., for interment, on the 7 o'clock northbound train.

WILL MEET BRYAN AT NAVASSA.

Committee Making Arrangements for entertainment of Visitor.

The committee on arrangements for the visit here next Monday of Col. William Jennings Bryan, who will give a lecture in the Academy of Music under the auspices of the Business Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist church, are making arrangements for the entertainment of the distinguished visitor while in this city.

The present plans provide that a committee of prominent citizens will go to Navassa about noon Monday on the steamer Navassa to meet the "Peerless Leader", who will be a passenger on the A. C. L. train from the South, and accompany him to the city. Mr. Bryan will be escorted to the Orton Hotel, where he will have luncheon with several members of the reception committee. In the afternoon an informal reception will be held in The Orton Hotel and then the visitor will be taken to the home of a prominent citizen where he will spend the remainder of the afternoon. The visitor will leave Tuesday morning. He speaks Tuesday night in Winston-Salem and in Asheville on Wednesday.

Woodhouse Burned

The alarm of fire yesterday evening at 7:15 o'clock from box 24, Front and Red Cross streets, was on account of a blaze in a woodhouse at 107 Walnut street, owned by Mr. L. Hanson, the premises being occupied by Mr. D. W. Chadwick. The origin of the fire is unknown, the damage being only about $10.

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CHAMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING

Enthusiastic Session of the Commercial Body Yesterday Afternoon. Several Important Resolutions Adopted.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in regular monthly session for an hour yesterday afternoon adopted a resolution renewing its endorsement of the project for the improvement of the Northeast river for a distance of nearly three miles above Hilton bridge, providing for a channel 20 feet deep and 150 feet wide; adopted another heartily supporting the plan of the North Carolina Forestry Association to have the Legislature pass a law for protecting the forests from fire and destruction by stock running at large, and still another favoring the plan of Hon. Stanton Warburton for a National Military Highway connecting the Capitals of all the States to be constructed by the Federal government by funds raised by an additional internal revenue tax on tobacco.

These and a few other matters of more or less interest claimed the attention of the body for the period mentioned. Mr. M. J. Corbett, the president, presided and Secretary Howard B. Branch kept a record of the proceedings. The first matter taken up was the resolution with regard to the improvement of the Northeast river. The resolution was read by the secretary and unanimously adopted. It was as follows:

"Whereas, this Chamber has formerly, and after thorough investigation, tion, endorsed the petition of the large manufacturing interests located on the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear river for improvements of this stream to a depth of 20 feet and width of 150 feet for a distance of some two and three-quarter miles north of Hilton bridge;

"Whereas, statistical information now in hand accentuates the importance of this improvement for the general welfare of this port;

"Resolved, That this Chamber renews its endorsement of the project and requests our Senators and Representatives in Congress to lend their best efforts to the early adoption of a favorable recommendation which we have reason to believe the local engineer will make."

Mr. B. F. Keith, who attended the recent meeting of the North Carolina Drainage Association, was called upon by President Corbett for a report. Mr. Keith spoke briefly, telling of the number of drainage districts that have been created and of the number of acres of land that have been reclaimed and asserted that the problem now is to get labor to till the soil that has thus been opened up. He expressed the hope that our Senators and Representatives in Congress would take some steps toward securing a desirable class of immigrants for the South. He said that the recent drainage convention was the best that has been held and that the association is accomplishing great things for North Carolina.

Secretary Branch then read the following resolution that had been prepared by Mr. J. Allan Taylor:

"The greatest natural resource of the State is its wood supply, comprehended in one term the four-fold value of forest, soil fertility, water navigation and immunity from flood disaster; but only recently has public sentiment become aroused at once to the importance of this resource and the danger of its depletion. Of the destructive agencies threatening our forests fire is one of the principal and at the same time the most preventable. Of the serious destruction by fire each year to our timber lands it is estimated that only 10 per cent. is the result of criminal intent, so that the prospect for remedial legislation is very encouraging;

"Whereas, The North Carolina Forest Association will recommend legislation on this subject to the next General Assembly, embodying measures of protection from fire and destruction by stock running at large;

"Resolved by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce that the conservation of this great natural resources is demanded by the highest considerations of the public welfare, and that our Senator from this district and Representative from this county be requested to support all practical legislation looking to this end.

"Resolved, further, that this Chamber print several thousand copies of this resolution to be placed in the hands of our wholesale merchants with the request that they enlist their correspondents in the State in a like effort with their Senators and Representatives."

Speaking to the resolution, Mr. Taylor said that he had been advised by those who had studied the question carefully that if the present rate of destruction of the forests continues there will be no forests in North Carolina in 30 years from now. He said that it is desired to enlist the aid of the whole State in the movement and let the people say to their representatives in the Legislature the plan of the North Carolina Forestry Association is practical and feasible and urge their support of the measure.

The resolution was adopted upon motion of Mr. Keith, seconded by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr.

President Corbett mentioned the fact that Wilmington is to be honored next Monday by a visit from William Jennings Bryan. He mentioned the plans for the entertainment of the visitor while here as had been outlined by the organization under whose auspices he comes. The programme calls for quite all of his time. President Corbett wanted to know the pleasure of the body, whether or not the Chamber would do anything in the way of providing any additional entertainment for him. Mr. Corbett said that he did not know of anything that the Chamber could do other than to extend to him the courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce and the members join in giving him a big welcome to the city. Mr. Taylor agreed fully with Mr. Corbett and it was ordered that the courtesy of the Chamber be extended to the distinguished visitor. Several members of the Chamber of Commerce are on the reception committee and are on the comittee to go to Navassa to meet the distinguished visitor and accompany him on to Wilmington, as told in another column of today's paper.

Mr. B. F. Keith said that a few days ago he received a letter from Congressman Godwin stating that a meeting of the House building committee would be held in Washington today and suggested that it would be well for Wilmington to have a committee appear before the body in behalf of the bill providing for an additional appropriation of $300,000 for the new customs house. Mr. Keith said that knowing a committee from the Chamber of Commerce would be in Washington next Tuesday to appear before General Bixby relative to the inland waterway project he immediately wrote Congressman Godwin asking that if possible the meeting of the building committee be postponed. He received a letter yesterday from Congressman Godwin stating that it would be impossible to secure a postponement and emphasized the importance of Wilmington being represented at the meeting. Mr. Keith said that Senator Overman thought the appropriation would go through the Senate all right, but Congressman Godwin seemed to think that there is a disposition on the part of the House committee not to favor the appropriation. He said that the matter would be passed upon finally at the committee meeting today. Mr. Keith said that he had arranged to leave for Washington last night and would like to have some company. President Corbett expressed regret that the Chamber did not know of the date of the meeting earlier so that a committee from the local body could have been named, as it is a very important matter. Mr. Keith said that he would do whatever he could and that the committee that goes to Washington next week can try to arrange a haering before the House building committee after they arrive.

The following resolution introduced by Mr. W. D. MacMillan, Jr., was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this Chamber endorse the plan for a National Military Highway as proposed in the circular submitted by the Hon. Stanton Warburton, by which a standard roadway connecting the Capitals of all the States shall be constructed. The funds for the construction and maintenance to be derived from an additional internal revenue tax on tobacco or such other means as Congress select."

In speaking of the proposed highway Mr. MacMillan said that it is planned to connect the Capitals of the States with a 16-foot roadway and that the road in this State would pass as near Wilmington as Maxton. The road would be from Raleigh to Columbia. The cost of the construction of the road would be from $2,000 to $2,500, according to the present estimates. It is proposed to restore the

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

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The Ida Hankins Missionary Society of Grace M. E. church will conduct a prayer meeting for the Foreign Missionary Society this afternoon at 4 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to be in attendance.

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The Morning Bridge Club was most hospitably entertained by Miss Nora Corbett at the pretty home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Corbett, South Fourth street, yesterday. Quite a number of the younger social set were her guests for the morning and Miss Corbett proved a most charming hostess.

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Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bolles, after spending some time in Wilmington, the guests of friends and relatives, left last evening for New York city where they will spend a short time, leaving next week for California where they will spend the holidays. Shortly after the New Year they expect to sail for their home in Hong Kong, China, where Mr. Bolles has an important post with the Standard Oil Company. It has been a great pleasure for their numerous friends to have had them in Wilmington for a sojuorn of six or eight weeks.

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Mr. Harry Foote, who is pleasantly known in Wilmington, where he presented his spectacular production, "Alice In Wonderland," and another production equally as popular, some years ago, was a visitor to the city yesterday on his way to Conway and Georgetown, S. C., where he will spend several weeks on a hunting expedition. He was accompanied by Mrs. Foote. Many friends here will be glad to learn that it is probable that Mr. Foote will put on another amateur production in Wilmington early in the Spring.

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Charlotte News: "In the Bermuda notes of the New York Herald of last week appeared the following, which is of interest since, owing to her father's trip to Bermuda, Miss Eleanor Wilson, at the last moment found it impossible to be bridesmaid at the Tabb-Short wedding in Wilmington, N. C., two weeks ago: 'Miss Eleanor was to have been bridesmaid at the wedding of one of her friends, but the Governor insisted that she should come down to Bermuda with him, so she missed the event. When the last boat from the States arrived who should come down the gangplank but Mrs. Bride and her husband, who had sailed here to spend the honeymoon. They upbraided Miss Eleanor for not showing up to act as bridesmaid, but soon forgave her, and they have all been having a good time exploring the island together ever since'."

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PRETTY EVENING WEDDING SOLEMNIZED AT TEACHY, N. C.

Teachey, N. C., December 12.—Simple and impressive was the marriage ceremony performed on Wednesday of this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Otho Wilson when their charming daughter, Mary Ruth, became the bride of Mr. Rufus Jay Norris, of Rocky Mount, N. C., Rev. W. B. Rivenbark officiating. The bride wore a going-away gown of midnight blue with hat and gloves to match. She is a beautiful and talented young woman and will be greatly missed by the society of Teachey. The groom is one of Rocky Mount's most highly esteemed young men and is with B. F. Proctor & Co., of that place. The happy young couple left on the 9:55 train for Rocky Mount, where they will reside in the future. The marriage was very quiet owing to the feeble health of the bride's father.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. W. D. Huhn, of Burgaw, spent yesterday in the city on a business trip.

—Mr. J. O. Bowden, of New York, is spending some time with relatives at his old home at Wrightsville.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were J. R. Hutchenson, Hayne, N. C., and F. T. Abbott, Newbern.

—Mr. John R. Sprunt, who is pleasantly remembered in Wilmington, now with Royster guano interests in Norfolk, is spending a few days in the city and is being most cordially greeted by his hosts of friends here.

—Among yesterday's guests at The Orton were Mrs. W. D. Croom, Mrs. M. M. Moore, Burgaw; R. E. Peters, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jennings, and child, Lumberton; Paul Dickson, Council; P. R. Rogers, Winston Salem.

—Mr. Arthur Newkirk, who is now engaged in the conduct of an up-to-date garage in Lumberton, N. C., with Mr. Lee Caldwell, of that town, returned to Lumberton yesterday after spending a few days in the city on business and visiting home folks.

—Arrivals yesterday at The Southern included Riley James, J. W. James, Maple Hill; Robt. Burns, Greensboro; J. A. Lanier, Jr., and J. R. Marshburn, Burgaw; L. E. Wells, Teacheys; Alex. McDowell, Dunn; O. W. Powers, Chadbourn; Geo. W. Allen, Savannah, Ga.; J. J. Burriss, Southport; D. B. Pierce, Shallotte; R. L. Patterson, Rocky Mount.

—Literature telling of the grand Panama Exposition to be held in San Francisco in 1915, from February 20th to December 4th, to mark the opening of the Panama Canal, is already being received here. Capt. Thos. D. Meares, of this city, who knows much about that section of the country, yesterday received a batch of leaflets descriptive of the exposition grounds and telling something in a general way of what the "big show" will consist of.

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FRIGHTENED BY NEGROES

Mrs. Ezzell Did Not Like Their Appearance at Her Home Yesterday

The Sheriff's office was advised at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon that two negroes made their appearance at the home of Mr. Ezzell, an A. C. L. section master, at Wrightsboro, about 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning and greatly frightened Mrs. Ezzell, but they made no effort to molest her. It appears that one of the negroes was seen by Mrs. Ezzell at the front door and the other at the back door. They gave no reason for their appearance there and in a few minutes took their departure. It is sai dthat they disappeared in the woods and came in the direction of Wilmington. Justice George Harriss and Deputy Sheriffs Horne and Reynolds went out to make an investigation. Of course, no trace of the negroes could be found so late in the day. Justice Harriss said that he thought one of the negroes was a man whom he had been trying to get for several days. It seems that the negro wanted by him is going about the country claiming to tell fortunes.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

One Alleged Tiger or Tigress Tried. Cases Continued.

In the Recorder's court yesterday morning the principal defendant was Mary Davis, colored, who was charged with violating the prohibition law. After hearing the evidence the Recorder took the case under advisement until today, when he will announce his decision. The defendant was represented by L. Clayton Grant, Esq.

A case against Rudolph Pape, a well known white merchant, doing business in Brooklyn, charged with selling whiskey, was continued until today. The case against J. M. Lesia, charged with assault with deadly weapon upon Jerry Carewe about 10 days ago, was continued until tomorrow.

Restraining Order Revived

An automobile and other personal property belonging to K. C. Sidbury, Esq., advertised to be sold yesterday by the Sheriff of this county to satisfy a judgment for $911 in an action brought in Guilford county by M. H. Pinnix, trading as the Pinnix Realty Co., against K. C. Sidbury, Esq., was not sold for the reason that a restraining order, signed by Judge H. W. Whedbee, was received yesterday morning. The plaintiff is commanded to appear before Judge Whedbee on December 17th at 8 P. M., and show cause why the final judgment secured by him should not be set aside, as petitioned for by the defendant. Mr. Sidbury has an action in this county against Mr. Pinnix, which has not yet been heard. He alleged that the contract on which Mr. Pinnix secured judgment in Guilford was not carried out by the plaintiff. The contract was for the sale of certain lots in this city belonging to Mr. Sidbury.

Real Estate Transfers

Deeds were filed for record yesterday as follows: W. M. Cumming and wife, to L. W. Moore, for $100 and other considerations, lot on south side of Pender avenue, 33 feet east of 20th street, 66x113 feet in size; Emanuel I. Bear to Wm. L. Smith, trustee, for $1,750, lot on east side of Surry street, 192 feet south of Queen, 30x90 feet in size; Thos. A. Smith and wife to Thos. Hooper and wife, for $1,000 and other considerations, lot on east side of Sixth street, 66 feet south of Campbell, 33x165 feet in size; L. W. Moore and wife to A. H. Norris, for $100 and other considerations, lot on southside of Pender avenue, 66 feet east of 20th, 33x113 feet in size.

Small Fire at Factory.

The fire department was called out at 10 o'clock last night by an alarm from box 121 on account of a blaze at the plant of the Camp Manufacturing Company, just beyond Hilton. The fire boat and several wagons started to answer the alarm and got almost there, but were turned back by Chief Chas. Schnibben, who found that the fire was of small consequence and that the service of the firemen would not be needed. The blaze started in a pipe used for conveying shavings from the planer to the engine room. The fire was extinguished with the company's apparatus and it is said that the damage will not exceed $200 or $300.

QUIET AT EDGEWATER, N. J.

Ten Arrests Made In Connection With Rioting by Strikers

New York, December 12.—Quiet prevailed tonight in the neighborhood of the Susquehanna coal yards at Edgewater, N. J., where two men were killed and several were injured in rioting last night in connection with a strike of 200 or more railroad laborers. The woods in which the strikers had hidden themselves were thoroughly searched during the day by heavy forces and guards and all stragglers rounded up. Ten arrests were made.

Hundreds of deputies and special police are guarding the force of strike-breakers, whose advent upon the scene precipitated the outbreak, and the authorities tonight declared themselves ready to cope with any demonstration which might be attempted.

TWO MILLION EGGS SOLD

Philadelphia Housekeepers League Teaching Retailers a Lesson

Philadelphia, December 12.—More than 2,000,000 eggs were retailed at 24 cents a dozen by the Housekeepers League today in the campaign to reduce the price of living started here yesterday. The president of the league, Mrs. Deer, tonight issued a call for additional volunteers to aid in selling the eggs and for more automobiles to distribute them that still a large quantity may be disposed of tomorrow. She says the supply practically is inexhaustible and she proposes to "continue the campaign until the retail dealers who have been maintaining high prices have been taught a thorough lesson."

Retailers made a general reduction in their charges for storage eggs today, but few were as low as the prices set by the Housekeepers League.

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CHAMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING

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tax on tobacco which prevailed in 1879. The burden will not fall heavily upon any individual. In this connection, Mr. MacMillan spoke of the association that has been formed to build a highway from Wilmington to Charlotte. This would connect at Maxton with the National Highway. He said that he thought the plan to provide a free ferry at Wilmington should be abandoned and that a bridge will be built across the river.

There being no other business for the consideration of the body the meeting adjourned at 5 o'clock.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The British steamers Stanfield and Craigforth, which cleared Wednesday for Liverpool and New Orleans, respectively, steamed yesterday.

—Cape Fear Camp, No. 254, United Confederate Veterans, will hold its regular monthly meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at the W. L. I. armory.

—Rev. J. S. Crowley will preach at Phoenix Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and at Immanuel Presbyterian church at night. The subject of both sermons will be "Heaven and Hell."

—H. Mack Godwin, convicted at the January term of Superior Court of selling whiskey and sentenced to 12 months on the county roads, has given notice that he will apply to Governor Kitchin for a conditional pardon or commutation of sentence.

—H. Pollock and wife, Nora Pollock, colored, were arrested late yesterday afternoon by Officer G. W. Bullard on a warrant charging them with violating the prohibition law. They were locked up at the City Hall to await trial this morning.

—Oscar Shepard, a white man, who was tried in Justice Harriss' court Wednesday and bound over to the Recorder's court on a charge of failure to pay a board bill, was tried before the magistrate yesterday for carrying a concealed weapon. Probable cause was found in this case also. Both cases will be heard in the Recorder's court this morning.

RYAN CALLED DOWN

Court Censures Iron Workers' President for "Irresponsive" Answers

Indianapolis, December 12.—For asserting that "violent attacks" were made on him by contractors who employed non-union workmen, Frank M. Ryan, president of the Iron Workers' International Union, was censured by the court at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today as giving "irresponsive" answers.

Ryan, the most prominent of the 41 defendants, was asked what he meant by comments he made on an invitation he received to visit William T. Jerome, then district attorney of New York. Ryan's comments were contained in a letter written in January, 1906, to J. J. McNamara, secretary of the union. At that time, according to the government he was in New York directing the "dynamiting campaign."

Ryan identified a copy of a letter he received from Jerome, saying:

"I shall be glad to see you alone, or with your attorney if you prefer."

In his letter to McNamara he said: "Another surprise. I enclose a copy of Jerome's letter, with a suggestion that if I am prevented in any way from conducting the affairs of the association, you should advise the first vice president to take charge."

"What did you mean when you said: 'If I am prevented from conducting the affairs of the association?'" asked District Attorney Miller.

"I meant just what I said," replied Ryan, who although the district attorney objected, kept on talking.

"There had been virulent attacks published in New York and emanating from the National Erectors' Association, and a man named Donnelly had come from Albany to circulate a petition to have me impeached as president. I did not know what there was to it until I investigated Connolly's end and I wanted to be prepared for any emergency. That is all there is to it, except that I saw Jerome."

Objection was then made to Ryan's remarks. Federal Judge Anderson, turning to the witness, said: "All this talk is irresponsive. This is the case of the United States Government against these defendants and not the Erectors' Association. The government is behind the prosecution."

No further inquiries were made regarding Ryan's visit to Jerome. In his previous testimony Ryan said his visit was friendly and he denied it had anything to do with violence in the conduct of the strike in New York.

Michael J. Hannon, of Scranton, Pa., testified that "trimming" non-union iron workers meant, "beating them up."

"Why was it you thought contractors had no right to do their work the way they wanted?" the witness was asked.

"Because they employed men outside the union. We wanted to bring the non-union men into the union."

"How did you want to bring them in, on a stretcher?"

"No, in a kindly way."

Paul J. Morrin, of St. Louis, another defendant, testified concerning his activity as a business agent of a local union. He said he had not been in accord with the administration of the union and attempted to appoint trustees for managing the finances of the International Union. He denied knowing of the use of dynamite.

LAST FORMAL DINNER

Taft Entertains In Honor of Cabinet —Many Notables Present

Washington, December 12. — The last formal Presidential dinner of the Taft administration to the cabinet was given at the White House today. Invited to dine with the President and Mrs. Taft, in addition to the cabinet officers and their ladies, were former Vice President and Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, a number of Senators and Representatives, the secretary to the President and Mrs. Hilles and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie; Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson Cromwell, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Lewisohn and Otto T. Bannard, of New York.

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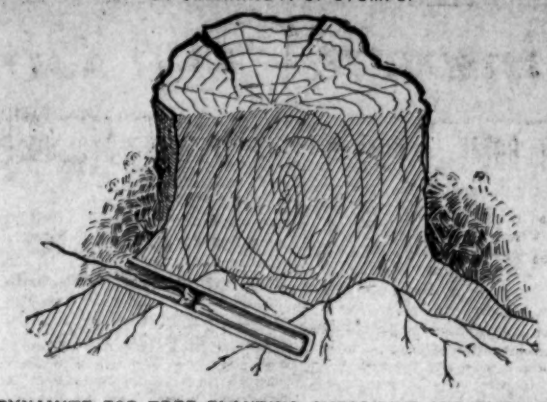

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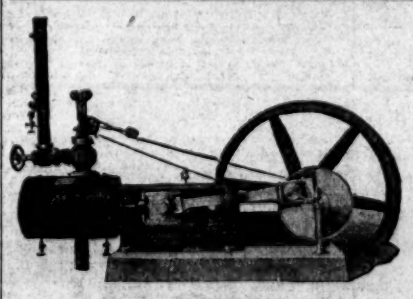

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Financial and Commercial

VIOLENT BREAK IN COTTON CROP OF 13,820,000 BALES UNION PACIFIC AGAIN ACTIVE

Publication of Government's Estimate In Line With Expectations, But Was Followed by Severe Decline

New York, Dec. 12.—The publication of the Government's estimate placing the cotton crop of this season at 13,820,000 bales of 500 pounds gross, excluding linters, was almost exactly in line with the average expectation of the local trade as revealed by yesterday's canvass of New York Cotton Exchange members, but was followed by a violent break in prices, with the close steady at a net decline of from 7 to 14 points. The market opened steady, at unchanged prices to an advance of 3 points in sympathy with steady cables, bullish overnight spot advices from the South, predictions of a small estimate from the Government and covering of shorts. As the hour for the report approached without any pressure of long cotton becoming apparent, shorts showed increasing nervousness and shortly after midday the market began to advance sharply. Rumors that prominent Memphis authorities estimated the yield at 13,700,000 bales, excluding linters, appeared to add to the buying movement, and March contracts sold up to 12.85 and the general list to a net advance of from 12 to 18 points. The market at this time was within 12 or 13 points of the season's high records made last month, but realizing because active three or four minutes before the report was published, and immediately the figures were known the selling was sensationally heavy. Opinions seemed mixed around the ring, as to whether the report should actually be interpreted as bullish or bearish, but it evidently proved the signal for general realizing on long contracts which had been held either in expectation of a lower report or with a determination to sell out on the Government estimate, whatever it might be. From 12.83 March broke to 12.50 and closed at 12.55 bid, with last prices showing rallies of 5 or 6 points from the lowest on covering and the buying which had been active on a scale down.

Spot, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.90; do. gulf, 13.15; sales, 200 bales.

Futures closed steady.

Month:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close
Dec	12.48	12.57	12.36	12.40
Jan	12.64	12.74	12.45	12.53
Feb	12.62			12.52
Mar	12.73	12.85	12.50	12.58
Apr				12.54
May	12.66	12.78	12.47	12.56
June	12.67	12.68	12.53	12.53
July	12.63	12.75	12.46	12.53
Aug	12.56	12.66	12.41	12.45
Sept	12.00			11.96
Oct	11.88	11.90	11.80	11.82

THE PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 30,133; gross receipts, 30,133; sales, 1,600; stock, 480,487; Great Britain, 46,469; coastwise, 7,875.

New Orleans—Steady, 12 13-16; net receipts, 13,080; gross receipts, 13,203; sales, 1,005; stock, 221,223; Great Britain, 15,000; continent, 23,324; coastwise, 1,280.

Mobile—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 969; gross receipts, 969; sales, 175; stock, 35,904; Great Britain, 1,450; continent, 400.

Savannah—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 5,608; gross receipts, 5,608; sales, 1,436; stock, 170,071; coastwise, 698.

Charleston—Steady, 12⅛; net receipts, 1,089; gross receipts, 1,089; stock, 63,468.

Wilmington—Nominal; net receipts, 2,313; gross receipts, 2,313; stock, 20,069; Great Britain, 11,181; coastwise, 300.

Norfolk—Steady, 12¾; net receipts, 1,520; gross receipts, 1,520; sales, 600; stock, 0; continent, 840; constwise, 1,200.

Baltimore—Nominal, 12¾; stock, 10,040.

New York—Quiet, 12.90; net receipts, 160; receipts, 10,519; sales, 200; stock, 105,-; Great Britain, 7,068; coastwise, 5,686.

Boston—Quiet, 12.90; net receipts, 552; receipts, 1,956; stock, 31,175.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 13.15; net receipts, 39; gross receipts, 39; stock, 584.

Seattle—Net receipts, 3,601; gross receipts, 3,601; Japan, 3,601.

San Francisco—Net receipts, 3,237; gross receipts, 3,237; Japan, 3,237.

Aransas Pass—Stock, 6,243.

Brunswick—Stock, 12,072.

Texas City—Net receipts, 3,981; gross receipts, 3,981; stock, 50,725; France, 7,315.

Jacksonville—Stock, 1,409.

Total today, at all ports—Net, 65,622; Great Britain, 81,188; France, 7,315; continent, 24,164; Japan, 6,838; stock, 1,303,840; Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 328,017; Great Britain, 192,957; France, 35,065; continent, 136,151; Japan, 6,838.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,202,025; Great Britain, 2,058,549; France, 668,799; continent, 1,707,089; Japan, 85,824; Mexico, 500.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston—Steady, 12⅝; net receipts, 15,286; gross receipts, 15,286; shipments, 13,827; sales, 2,121; stock, 132,691.

Augusta—Steady, 13; net receipts, 1,739; gross receipts, 1,930; shipments, 1,270; sales, 888; stock, 110,119.

Memphis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 2,533; gross receipts, 5,346; shipments, 5,171; sales, 2,750; stock, 150,429.

St. Louis—Steady, 13¼; net receipts, 681; gross receipts, 8,140; shipments, 8,223; stock, 15,577.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 3,324; gross receipts, 3,324; shipments, 3,324; stock, 11,942.

Little Rock—Firm, 13 1-16; net receipts, 1,574; gross receipts, 1,574; shipments, 1,307; stock, 44,300.

Total today—Net receipts, 25,137; gross receipts, 35,600; shipments, 33,122; sales, 5,759; stock, 485,040.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 12.—Flour—Steady.

Wheat—Firm. No. 2, red, 1.06@1.07; No. 1, Northern Duluth, 05¼.

Corn—Firm, 54½.

Molasses—Firm.

Rice—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw, firm; refined, steady.

Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio, No. 7, 14; Santos, No. 4, 15¾; mild, quiet; Cordova, 16@18¾.

Potatoes—Steady. Maine, in bulk, per 180 pounds, 2.05@2.15; Jersey sweets, barrel, 2.00@3.00.

Cabbages—Dull and unchanged.

Freights—Unchanged.

Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Higher at the start on covering of December shorts and professional support, but the list turned weak in the afternoon on selling by refiners, and liquidation on the bearish Government report on cotton. Closing prices were 2 to 6 points net lower. Sales aggregated 16,800 barrels. Prime crude, 5.34@5.40; do. Summer yellow, 6.25@6.40; December, 6.28; January, 6.23; February, 6.25; March, 6.33; April, 6.35; May, 6.43; June, 6.44; July, 6.47; prime White, yellow and Summer white, 6.25@6.80.

NAVAL STORES.

New York, Dec. 12.—Turpentine and rosin, steady.

Savannah, Dec. 12.—Turpentine, firm, at 36½@36¾. Sales, 500; receipts, 803; shipments, 873; stock, 32,170.

Rosin—Firm. Sales, 3,728; receipts, 3,818; shipments, 970; stock, 153,862. Quote: A, B, C, D, E, F and G, 5.00; H, 5.00@5.05; I, 5.05; K, 5.05; M, 7.00; N, 7.25; W G, 7.35; W W, 7.45.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 12.—Momoney, owned by J. M. Avent, Hickory Valley, Tenn., today won the all-age event which culminated the Southern field trials held at Letohatchie, Ala. Melrose Mohawk, owned by J. W. Considine, Seattle, Wash., was given second place, and Georgia Clay, owned by Robert Craig, New York City, third. In awarding the decision today the jurors were unanimous in their selection.

Estimate of Production of American Cotton Issued by the Department of Agriculture—Production by States

Washington, Dec. 12.—The country's cotton crop this year will amount to 6,613,335,000 pounds of lint, exclusive of linters, the Department of Agriculture estimated today in its annual report. This is equivalent to 13,820,000 bales of 500 pounds, gross weight, and makes the crop this year, in point of quantity second only to the great record crop of 15,692,701 bales, exclusive of linters, grown last year.

It is probable that this year's crop may rank as the most valuable ever produced.

The quantity of linter cotton last year amounted to 278,700,000 pounds. With this as a basis, it is estimated unofficially that linter cotton production this year will amount to 491,300 bales, or 235,038,000 pounds of lint. With an average price of 12½ cents a pound, this quantity of cotton would be worth about $835,920,000. Approximating the value of this year's cotton seed at $131,000,000, the average for the past three years, the total value of the cotton crop this year would be about $966,-920,000. Should the crop yield this amount of money, it would rank as the most valuable ever produced.

The Department of Agriculture's official estimate of the crop last year, made at a corresponding date, was 14,884,000 bales. The census bureau's official report on production for the year was 15,692,701 bales.

Texas this year grew the greatest crop it ever produced; the department's estimate placing the quantity at 4,850,000 bales.

North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida and Alabama, Mississippi, Oklahoma and Missouri all produced crops greater than the average, 1906-10.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The American cotton crop for the season of 1912-13 will amount to 13,820,000 bales of 500 pounds (not including linters), according to the first estimate made by the government this year through the crop reporting board, bureau of statistics, Department of Agriculture, and announced this afternoon. This compares with 15,692,701 bales of 500 pounds, exclusive of linters, produced in the record crop of last year, when the total crop, inclusive of linters, was 16,250,000 bales of 500 pounds; 11,608,616 bales in 1910, which including linters amounted to 10,315,382 bales; 13,241,709 bales in 1908, which, including linters, amounted to 13,587,306 bales, and 11,107,179 bales in 1907, which, including linters, amounted to 11,375,461 bales. The average total production exclusive of linters for the five years from 1906 to 1910, was 11,847,270 bales. The value of the crop, including seed, for the same period, averaged $775,822,000, while last year's record crop is estimated to have been worth $859,840,000, and the 1910 crop, $962,180,000, the most valuable ever produced.

The estimated production, exclusive of linters, and stated in 500 pound bales, by States, with comparisons, follow:

Virginia: Total production, 24,000 bales, compared with 29,801 bales last year, and 12,064 bales, the average 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $1,380,000.

North Carolina: Total production, 878,-000 bales, compared with 1,075,826 bales last year, and 627,685 bales the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $55,-810,000.

South Carolina: Total production, 1,184,-000 bales, compared with 1,648,712 bales last year, and 1,085,893 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $90,120,000.

Georgia: Total production, 1,801,000 bales, compared with 2,768,627 bales last year, and 1,782,160 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $154,330,000.

Florida: Total production, 68,000 bales, compared with 83,388 bales last year, and 56,158 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $6,250,000.

Alabama: Total production, 1,130,000 bales, compared with 1,716,534 bales last year, and 1,187,707 bales, the average, 1905-10. The value of the crop last year was $93,160,000.

Mississippi: Total production, 1,100,000 bales, compared with 1,263,545 bales last year, and 1,400,153 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $66,530,000.

Texas: Total production, 4,850,000 bales, compared with 4,256,427 bales last year, and 3,172,218 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $230,910,000.

Louisiana: Total production, 435,000 bales, compared with 384,597 bales last year, and 526,461 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop over last year was $21,010,000.

Arkansas: Total production, 854,000 bales, compared with 939,302 bales last year, and 856,703 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was 51,060,000.

Tennessee: Total production 280,000 bales, compared with 449,737 bales last year and 306,861 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $24,680,000.

Missouri: Total production, 59,000 bales, compared with 90,808 bales last year, and 51,456 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $5,390,000.

Oklahoma: Total production, 1,039,000 bales, compared with 1,022,092 bales last year, and 783,796 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop last year was $55,-670,000.

California: Total production, 9,000 bales, compared with 9,790 bales last year.

All other States: 7,423 bales last year and 2,750 bales, the average, 1906-10. The value of the crop in all other States, including California, last year, was $950,000.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Wheat showed decided strength today in line with the stock market, and with bullish news from Argentina. Closing figures were steady, at ½@⅝ to ¾ over last night. Latest trading left corn with a gain of ¼ to ¼@⅜; oats, ⅛@¼c. up and provisions varying from 2½c. decline to 5@7c. advance.

Wheat—No. 2, red, 1.02@1.03; No. 2, hard, 85¾@87; No. 1, Northern, 86½@87½; No. 2, Northern, 84½@86.

Corn—None.

Oats—No. 2, white, 35; standard, 33¾@34.

Closing prices:

Wheat—December, 84⅝; May, 89¾; July, 87@87½.

Corn—December, 47⅝; May, 48½@48⅝; July, 49⅛.

Oats—December, 32¼; May, 32¾; July, 33@33⅛.

Pork—January, 18.37½; May, 18.30@18.32½.

Lard — December, 10.52½; January, 10.20½; May, 9.97½.

Ribs—January, 9.92½; May, 9.80.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 12.—Spot cotton, moderate business done. Prices, higher. American middling fair, 7.61; good middling, 7.27; middling, 7.07; low middling, 6.80; good ordinary, 6.43; ordinary, 5.95.

The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 8,100 American. Receipts, 9,000 bales, including 2,000 American. Futures opened steady and closed quiet. December, 7.67½; December and January, 8.75½; January and February, 6.73½; February and March, 6.72½; March and April, 6.70½; April and May, 6.69½; May and June, 6.68½; June and July, 6.66½; July and August, 6.64; August and September, 6.54; September and October, 6.37½; October and November, 6.32.

THE FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 12.—Money on call, easier, at 4¼@5 per cent.; ruling rate, 4¾; closing bid, 4½; offered at 4¾. Time loans, easier; sixty days, 6@6½ per cent.; ninety days, 6@6½; six months, 5½@6. Prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling exchange, strong, with actual business in bankers' bills, and at 4.81 for sixty day bills, and at 4.8525 for demand. Commercial bills, 4.80½. Bar silver, 63¾. Mexican dollars, 49½.

Further Speculation Caused Break to Lowest Figures Since 1908—Later Rose and Gained a Little on the Day

New York, Dec. 12.—Union Pacific was again the center of activity on the stock exchange today, and there were further speculations in its prices. Early in the day it broke 4¼ points to 150⅜, the lowest figures since 1908. Later it rose with a rush to 156½, a gain of 16 on the day.

The market, as a whole showed more stability than during yesterday's disturbance. Although traders had no further information as to the cause of the unsettlement and speculativve sentiment was confused, there was less apprehension on the part of security holders. The recent declines made prices more attractive and considerable investment buying was reported. There was no recurrence of widespread liquidation of high grade investment stocks, but on the other hand offerings were taken with sufficient steadiness to hold up the general level. The result was that the market as a whole did not respond as readily as yesterday to the break in Union Pacific. There was heavy selling of Reading, and it yielded 2½, but elsewhere declines were comparatively small. Steel was heavily traded in, but was well taken.

Evidences of the strength of the general market led to increased buying, and as Union Pacific began to rally there was a scramble of the shorts to cover. The rise in the price of stocks was more violent than the decline had been at any time during the last 10 days of unsettlement, and the price at one period of the upward rush rose a point between sales. The market which had not gone down with Union Pacific went up with it, and leading stocks rose one to two points above yesterday's close. Trading grew quieter, at the higher level, and although prices eased off toward the end of the day, there was no further unsettlement.

There was some further calling of loans by banking institutions on account of the shrinkages in value of collateral and the closing out of wealthy margin accounts was another unsettling factor. Bonds shared with stocks in the recovery, with convertible issues making the best gains. Total sales, par value, $2,507,000. United States Government bonds unchanged on call. Total sales today, 878,000 shares.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	74⅛
American Agricultural	54½
American Beet Sugar	48⅝
American Can	28⅝
American Can, pfd	113¼
American Car and Foundry	54⅝
American Cotton Oil	56¾
American Ice Securities	18⅝
American Linseed	16⅞
American Locomotive	41⅛
American Smelting and Refining	69⅝
American Smelting and Ref., pfd	103
American Sugar Refining	115
American Tel and Tel	138⅜
American Tobacco	260½
Anaconda Mining Co	38½
Atchison	105⅝
Atchison, pfd	101⅝
Atlantic Coast Line	136⅝
Baltimore and Ohio	104
Bethlehem Steel	35½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	86½
Canadian Pacific	238
Central Leather	27½
Chesapeake and Ohio	77¾
Chicago Great Western	16⅝
Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul	111⅜
Chicago and North Western	135¼
Colorado Fuel and Iron	35½
Consolidated Gas	138½
Corn Products	13½
Delaware and Hudson	162
Denver and Rio Grande	19⅜
Denver and Rio Grande, pfd	37½
Distillers' Securities	20½
Erie	31½
Erie, 1st pfd	48¼
Erie, 2nd pfd	39
General Electric	181½
Great Northern, pfd	133⅜
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	41
Illinois Central	125
Interborough-Met	16⅞
Interborough-Met., pfd	50
Inter-Harvester	109
Inter-Marine, pfd	18¼
International Paper	11½
International Pump	18½
Kansas City Southern	26¼
Laclede Gas	102⅝
Lehigh Valley	168
Louisville and Nashville	141
Minn., St. P. and Sault Ste Marie	137½
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	26⅛
Missouri Pacific	41¾
National Biscuit	118
National Lead	56
Nat. Rys of Mexico, 2nd pfd	27½
New York Central	108¾
New York, Ont. and Western	31½
Norfolk and Western	112
North American	80¾
Northern Pacific	119¼
Pacific Mail	29½
Pennsylvania	120½
People's Gas	110
Pittsburg, C. C. and St. Louis	100
Pittsburg Coal	20⅜
Pressed Steel Car	34⅜
Pullman Palace Car	159½
Reading	164¾
Republic Iron and Steel	24⅜
Republic Iron and Steel, pfd	86¼
Rock Island Co	23¼
Rock Island Co., pfd	44¼
St. Louis and San Fran., 2nd pfd	30¼
Seaboard Air Line	18¼
Seaboard Air Line, pfd	45
Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron	45
Southern Pacific	109
Southern Railway	27⅝
Southern Railway, pfd	79⅞
Tennessee Copper	36¼
Texas and Pacific	22
Union Pacific	155
Union Pacific, pfd	91
United States Realty	72
United States Rubber	62⅝
United States Steel	65¼
United States Steel, pfd	108⅝
Utah Copper	56
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	42⅝
Wabash, pfd	13
Western Maryland	51½
Western Union	72¼
Westinghouse Electric	76¼
Wheeling and Lake Erie	7

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, McCabe & Co.)

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 12.—Spanish—Market, firm. Farmers' Stock, $1.25 per bushel; Jumbo Spanish, $1.20 per bushel; No. 1, Shelled Spanish, 7c. to 7½c. per lb.; No. 2, Shelled Spanish, 4½c. per lb.

Virginias—Market, firm. Fancy Jumbo, 3¾c. per lb.; Fancy Hand-Picked, 3½c. per lb.; Extra Prime, 3¼c. per lb.; Prime, 3c. per lb.; Machine Picked, 3c. per lb.; Shelling Stock, 2½c. per lb.

DRY GOODS MARKET

New York, December 12.—The cotton goods markets were firm today but quiet. Yarns ruled steady. Heavy woolen coatings were bought to late delivery by manufacturers.

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"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at R. R. Bellamy.

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

December 13, 1912.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 47 degrees; at 8 P. M., 38 degrees; maximum, 47 degrees; minimum, 37 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, .44.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 3.4 feet.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Friday; Saturday, fair, with slowly rising temperature.

Port Calendar—Dec. 13.

Sun rises	7:09 A. M.
Sun sets	5:04 P. M.
Day's length	9 hrs. 55 min.

Tides.

	High water. A.M.	High water. P.M.	Low water. A.M.	Low water. P.M.
Wilmington	12:43	12:53	7:32	8:15
Southport	10:44	11:05	4:34	3:20
Masonboro Inlet	10:15	10:34	4:05	4:51

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

December 12, 1912.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature. Highest today.	Temperature. Lowest last night.	24-hour precipitation, 8 P. M.
Abilene	clear	46	28	.0
Asheville	clear	28	20	.0
Atlanta	pt. cldy	54	28	.0
Augusta	cloudy	46	40	.0
Birmingham	cloudy	54	30	.0
Boston	clear	32	30	.0
Charleston	cloudy	50	46	.0
Charlotte	clear	40	32	.0
Chicago	cloudy	20	4	.0
Galveston	raining	44	44	.12
Jacksonville	clear	60	50	.0
Memphis	clear	32	28	.0
Mobile	cloudy	46	42	.12
Montgomery	cloudy	42	36	.0
New Orleans	cloudy	46	44	.06
New York	clear	30	26	.0
Oklahoma	clear	46	12	.0
Pittsburg	clear	20	12	.0
Raleigh	clear	36	34	.01
Savannah	clear	54	46	.0
Shreveport	cloudy	40	36	.0
St. Louis	clear	26	14	.0
Washington	clear	30	26	.0

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Schooners.

Schr. Victor C. Records, 263 tons, Griffith, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Louise P. (Br.), 160 tons, Albury, Maffitt & Wood.

Schr. Fannie Prescott, 318 tons, Colberth, Maffitt & Wood.

Barques.

Bk. Madura (Nor.), 1,023 tons, Brandt, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady at 35.

ROSIN—Steady, at $5.20.

TAR—Firm, $2.20 per barrel.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm, $3.00 per barrel for hard; $4.00 for dip; $4.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year: Spirits turpentine, 40; rosin, $5.80; tar, $1.80; crude turpentine, $3.50 for hard; $4.50 for dip; $4.50 for virgin.

Receipts.

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	90
Crude Turpentine	37

Receipts same day last year, 10 casks spirits turpentine; 3 barrels tar; 25 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Nominal.

Same day last year, 8½.

Receipts, 2,313; same day last year, 5,638 bales.

Total receipts since Sept. 1st, 263,577 bales.

Total receipts same time last year, 316,873 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 12.)

CORN—Firm; 90c. per bu.

POTATOES—Irish potatoes, 85c. to 95c. per bu. Sweet potatoes, dull, 50 to 60c.

BEEF—On foot, good demand, 3@4c. per lb.; dressed, 8c.

PORK—Dull, 9 to 10c.

WOOL—Burry, 15 to 18c. per lb.; free of burr, 25c. per lb.

HIDES—Green, 11c. per lb.; dry, 13 to 16 2-3c. per lb.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Hams, old, 19 to 20c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 13½ to 14c. per lb.

BEESWAX—Firm; 27@28c. per lb.

TALLOW—Firm; 4½ to 5c. per lb.

POULTRY—Chickens, very dull; grown, 45 to 50c. Chickens, Spring, 18 to 35c. per head. Turkeys, on foot, dull, 18c.

SHEEP—Dull, $1.00@2.50; lambs, $1.00 @3.00.

EGGS—Dull, 25c.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port of Wilmington.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 12.

Atlantic Coast Line—1,905 bales cotton; 82 barrels tar; 19 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Whitlock—18 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. City of Fayetteville—8 barrels tar.

Seaboard Air Line—355 bales cotton.

River—53 bales cotton.

Total—2,313 bales cotton; 90 barrels tar; 37 barrels crude turpentine.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Dec. 4.

Market—Steady.

North Carolinas—Farmers' stock: Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine-picked, $1.05.

Spanish—Prime hand-picked, $1.10; machine picked, $1.05.

Virginias—Prime hand-picked, 70c.; machine-picked, 65c.

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SPECIAL TERM SUPERIOR COURT.

A special two weews term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, for the trial of civil causes, has been called an ordered by the Governor of the State to convene in the Court House in Wilmington on Monday, January 6th, 1913.

M. S. WILLARD, Chairman.
Board of Commissioners, New Hanover County.
(Dispatch copy.)
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POSTOFFICE BILL UP IN THE HOUSE

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and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to the homes of people living on rural and star routes as well as those living in cities and towns where there is delivery by carrier. Where there is at present no delivery by carrier, the parcels will go to the postoffices as is the case with ordinary mail.

The postage rate for the Zone—that is, within distances not exceeding 50 miles, will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. Rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones into which the country is divided, the maximum rate being 12 cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska and the Philippines.

For a fee of 10 cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an indemnity to the amount of its value, not to exceed $50, will be paid to the sender.

The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmasters for use in the parcel post system a set of stamps of 12 denominations. Parcel post maps with accompanying guides, are to be sold to the public at the cost, 75 cents, through the chief clerk of the Postoffice Department.

NEGRO SENTENCED IN GUILFORD

"No-Tax" Dealers Give Up License, Want Money Back.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—The first murder trial on the Superior Court docket came to a rather unexpected close this morning when counsel for Oscar Robbins, a negro, closed their case after calling two witnesses and securing evidence upon which to base an argument for second degree murder. In his argument the solicitor held out for the severest punishment required by the law—electrocution. Robbins was tried for the murder of Columbus Hanner about a month ago, an act which the State offered testimony to show was without provocation. The jury was given the case at noon recess and this afternoon brought in a verdict of manslaughter. The verdict was a surprise and Judge Whedbee imposed the maximum penalty, 15 years.

As a sort of balm the city commissioners have agreed to refund to the various no-tax or near beer dealers of the city the fractional part of their license tax which has not been used. By order of City Judge N. L. Eure every no-tax dealer in the city has agreed to close shop and go out of business or else face the consequences of sentence by the municipal court, which, after a trial Monday and mature deliberation, held that each of the defendants was guilty of violations of the prohibition law. Judge Eure, however, suggested to the no-tax dealers that before passing sentence he would offer each the privilege of paying the cost and agreeing to close up. All were willing to such an agreement. The no-tax dealers, however, later requested that the city refund the unused part of their license tax, amounting in every instance to $150, or half the year tax of $300 required. The commissioners, while of the belief that since the no-tax dealers had not been licensed to violate the laws, could not legally demand the return of license tax, were of the opinion that it was only fair to give them back a part—a sort of Christmas present, as one of the commissioners put it.

GIVEN THIRD DEGREE.

Mrs. Jacobson Confronted With Skull of Murdered Husband.

Houlton, Me., Dec. 12.—How she was brought into a small room by a detective and there confronted with the skull and some of the bones of her husband laid on a white cloth, was told on the witness stand in the Supreme Court today by Mrs. Annie Jacobson, who with her son, Edgar, and her son-in-law, the Rev. Charles N. Emelus, is on trial for the alleged murder of August Jacobson. Both Mrs. Jacobson and Edgar were called as witnesses. Emelus asked to testify tomorrow. Mrs. Jacobson said a detective escorted her to the district attorney's office and continued: "When I went in right in front of me they had some bones on a white cloth. Dr. Boone began to explain something about the bones and after that something was said about why the coroner was not there at the time it happened when he died. I told them I was sick and did not know. The detective told me I was not sick because I felt bad for my husband, for I hated him. And after that he said I had lied about the shots. I told him I had not lied."

Edgar Jacobson testified that he had had words with his father and had left home on the Sunday night preceding the tragedy. He went directly to the home of Otto Jepson, he said, and did not learn of his father's death until the next morning, when he was called home by a telephone message saying something had happened to the elder Jacobson.

New Orleans, December 12.—Members of the council of athletics of the S. I. A. A. met in executive session here today preliminary to the annual convention of the association which convenes here tomorrow for a two days' session. Findings of the council will not be made public until they are presented before the convention.

Drives Off a Terror.

The chief executioner of death in the Winter and Spring months is penumonia. Its advance agents are colds and grip. In any attack by one of these maladies no time should be lost in taking the best medicine obtainable to drive it off. Countless thousands have found this to be Dr. King's New Discovery. "My husband believes it has kept him from having pneumonia three or four times," writes Mrs. George W. Place, Rawsonville, Vt., "and for coughs, colds and croup we have never found its equal." Guaranteed for all bronchial affections. Price 50 cts. and $1.00. Trial bottle free at R. R. Bellamy.

(Advertisement.)

BOW LEGS VS. KNOCK KNEES.

Relative Merits Thoroughly Discussed Before National Press Club.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Whether bow legs are greater menaces to navigation than knock knees, still is an open question, in spite of arguments made to the National Press Club tonight by Representativ Sulzer, Governor-elect of New York, and Repreeentative Stanley, of Kentucky, in condemnation of bow legs, and Senators Penrose and Gore, in equally vigorous denunciation of knock knees. Referee John Hays Hammond, who was President Taft's special ambassador to the coronation of King George V, decided that neither offered serious obstruction and read a cablegram from the International Board of Navigation in Berlin to bear him out.

Before the debate began Mr. Hammond forced the contestants to rise and shake hands "to show there was no hard feeling."

Representative Sulzer attributed to bow legs virtually all the diseases known to medical science, from corns to consumption.

He declared that history could show no bow-legged hero, while Moses, Socrates, Hannibal and scores of others "interfered" in their knees. He closed by quoting:

"A man knock-kneed,
Is a friend indeed."

Senator Penrose insisted that there was no place in creation for the knock-kneed man. A man so afflicted, he said, on going home from his club in the early hours would be in a state of collapse in the road, while the bow-legged man would be bowling merrily homeward.

"The bow-legged condition," he said, "is due to a remnant of our physical trait when we lived in trees and climbed up them. The consequence is that the bow-legged man is full of vigor of the gorilla, or of the primitive man."

Representative Stanley followed with a sweeping denunciation of bow legs. He said he could prove by the frescoes and paintings of Raphael and other old masters that the angels they pictured were universally knock-kneed.

Senator Gore assailed the framers of the constitution because they had not grappled with the knock-kneed question "face to face, and feet to feet." He admitted that the problem was a knotty one, but added that the American people had settled it politically "by sending both the knock-kneed Republican elephant and the bow-legged bull moose up Salt Creek as obstructions to navigation."

GRACE STARTS DIVORCE SUIT.

He Alleges Shooting Constitutes Cruel Treatment.

Newman, Ga., Dec. 11.—Alleging "cruel treatment", Eugene Grace today filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Daisy Ulrich Opie Grace, who has returned to her Philadelphia home since an Atlanta jury acquitted her of the charge of drugging and shooting her husband. It was charged that Mrs. Grace shot her husband with intent to murder so that she might secure $20,000 insurance on his life.

Mrs. Grace admitted the shooting, but said it occurred accidentally while she was struggling with her husband, who attacked her because she refused to give him more money. In suing for divorce Grace takes the opportunity to set forth the charge that he was forbidden to make at his wife's trial.

Through his divorce papers he finally has made the formal accusation that she fired the bullet which left him bedridden. The suit recites that on March 5, as he was in bed and asleep, his wife shot him in the left side under the left arm and that the bullet caused paralysis, from which he will never recover.

Grace asserts the shooting constitutes "cruel treatment" in the meaning of the law.

"I want to take my name away from that woman," said Grace. "I don't want her to be known as Mrs. Grace."

PEACE COMMISSIONERS ARRIVE.

Greek, Servian and Montenegrin Diplomats Welcomed in London.

London, Dec. 12.—The Greek, Servian and Montenegrin peace commissions arrived in London tonight from Paris. They were greeted at the Charing Cross station by a cosmopolitan crowd, which included members of the various legations.

The Greek Premier, M. Venizelos, and other delegates expressed appreciation of their indebtedness to the British government's courtesy and earnest hope for the speedy and successful conclusion of their mission. M. Venizelos said they were determined to do their utmost to gain a lasting peace and desired hereafter to be the best of friends with the Turks.

Details of procedure and the date of the first meeting of the conference will not be arranged until all the delegates arrive. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, will attend the opening meeting and make a short speech of welcome.

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TESTIFY.

Additional Indictments Returned for Vote Buying in Ohio.

Steubenville, O., Dec. 12.—Additional indictments are to be returned by the Jefferson county grand jury tomorrow in connection with the investigations in the alleged violations of the corrupt practices act on November 5th. The inquisition closed late today with the examination of a score of high school boys summoned to testify because it was claimed they had received $5 a day for passing circulars in the interest of various candidates. It was believed $1 would have been sufficient remuneration and, it was alleged, the boys were employed to influence the votes of fathers and older brothers.

The high school students, giving their class yells in going to and from the grand jury room, viewed the day's incident with pleasure.

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NEW YORK CHANGE IS INVESTIGATED

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Consolidated had always been a competitor of the stock exchange and that some times the feeling of rivalry grew bitter. He went on to say that in 1909 the stock exchange endeavored to force the Western Union Telegraph Company to withdraw from the Consolidated Exchange two stock tickers, over which the Western Union was delivering New York Stock Exchange quotations. The Consolidated took the matter to court and retained the tickers.

"Then the rule was passed forbidding stock exchange members to do business with Consolidated brokers," he said.

"Other exchanges wanted to punish the Consolidated," suggested Mr. Untermyer.

"No, we wanted to protect ourselves."

"The Consolidated charges just one-half as much for commissions for doing the public's business as you do?"

"Yes."

"Has not that something to do with the ill-feeling?"

"Well, no I don't think so."

"If the Consolidated doubled its commission charge there would be no trouble, would there?"

After some discussion Mr. Sturgis said:

"Well, that would be a healing balm to some extent. That would be helpful."

Mr. Strugis will resume the stand tomorrow and will be asked a series of questions proposed by his counsel, John Milburn.

In airing the differences between the New York Stock Exchange and the Consolidated Stock Exchange and the effect of the stock exchange's bar against Consolidated brokers, half a dozen members of the Consolidated Exchange, including President Miguel De Aguero, were examined by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee. They explained that under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange they were absolutely prohibited from doing any business with members of that organization and charged that their business had been curtailed by the prohibition.

Prior to the examination of the Consolidated Exchange, the committee heard several money brokers operating in the "loan crowd" on the New York Stock Exchange. They testified that an enforced low rate of interest would prevent the movement of money toward New York from country banks, when the money was needed at home points.

FOR CHINESE LOAN

Contract for $125,000,000 Will Be Secured by Salt Gabelle

Peking, December 12.—Representatives of the six power group will refer to the conference of the chiefs to be held at London tomorrow the draft of a contract for a loan of $125,000,000 secured by the Salt Gabelle.

This provides for a settlement with the Crysp syndicate and practically eliminates monopoly and substantially reduces the foreign supervision over China's expenditures previously proposed.

China asks for $50,000,000 within three months and the balance during the next year. The Chinese government considers the improved terms of the loan are largely due to the influence of the Crysp group, which has been of material advantage.

China will agree to the re-organization of the Salt Gabelle, its administration being sub-divided into 10 centers, each being controlled by Chinese and foreign co-directors, working under a committee on control which shall include a foreigner acting practically as a managing director.

This post has been offered to J. F. Olesen, the Danish commissioner of Maritime Customs at Tien Tsin, who is persona grata to all the legations. M. Rescous, son-in-law of the noted Belgian jurist, Rolin Jacquemyns, has been offered the post of legal adviser to the Chinese government.

HEAVY SEAS PREVENT VISIT.

Officers of American Warships Unable to Call on Mexicans.

Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—The heavy sea which dashed high over the landing piers and breakwaters before a stiff northern gale prevented an exchange of visits between the officers of the American warships and the Mexican authorities today.

The United States squadron, comprising the battleships Minnesota, Kansas, Michigan and South Carolina, under command of Rear Admiral Fletcher, arrived shortly before noon. The usual salutes were fired, and the visiting ships anchored two miles outside the entrance to the harbor. Mexican officers early this afternoon expressed the wish to send a large tug to bring the American officers ashore. This was communicated by wireless to the Minnesota by the American consul, but the offer was declined by Admiral Fletcher, who replied that he preferred to wait until morning, when it was hoped the weather would be more favorable.

WOMAN 70, SUED AS JILT.

Breach of Promise Action for $150,000 Against Rich Widow Dismissed.

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Suit for breach of promise against Mrs. Jeannette Deere Chapman, aged sister of the late Chas. H. Deere, millionaire plow manufacturer, was dismissed before one of the Superior Courts several months ago, it was made known here today. Dr. Kirk Stanley, a New York physician, was complainant in the suit against Mrs. Chapman, and asked damages of $150,000.

Mrs. Chapman is more than 70 years of age, it is said, and is prominent socially and wealthy in her own right. No reason for the dismissal of the suit was given by Henry Roth, attorney for Dr. Stanley, when he was questioned here today.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 11.—Governor Wilson, who has been engaged on official business relating to the State of New Jersey, has completed his legislative message of 4,000 words.

He expresses the belief that he will not be bothered by office seekers for some weeks to come.

NINE WITNESSES HEARD.

Tell of Methods Employed by National Cash Register Salesmen.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—Nine witnesses testified in the government's criminal suit against the officials or former officials of the National Cash Register Company here today. A. K. Renney, of Montgomery, Ala., completed his testimony begun yesterday and among the others was F. T. Walle, of New Orleans.

Testimony given today was much the same as that given by other witnesses. With one exception they all told of methods employed by National representatives in competing with other firms, which the government maintains were unfair.

Boston, December 12.—Ira B. Hogue, who pitched for the Anderson baseball club of the Carolina Association last season, signed today with the Boston National team.

VICK'S Croup and Pneumonia SALVE

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Coming—Wm. J. Bryan.
Bijou—Motion Pictures.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Help.
For Sale—Ponies.
Wanted—Position.
W. W. Koch—Wood.
For Sale—Furniture.
Wanted—Room and Board.
For Sale—Grocery Business.
W. M. Sneeden—For Saturday.
Savage & Savage—Good Dinner.

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Advertisements inserted under this head, One Cent per word for each insertion, but no advertisement taken for less than 25c. Additional words, more than 25, One Cent per word. Unless the advertiser has a regular account, all advertisements under this head are STRICTLY CASH IN ADVANCE, the amounts being too small to warrant a charge. The Star will send without charge, a Western Union Messenger to any address in the city for advertisements in this department upon request by 'Phone to No. 51. A Messenger will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Company, or for notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charge for collecting the telegrams, but a small charge for Strictly Messenger Service calls will be made, or telephone subscribers may at any time telephone their telegrams; bills rendered to suit the sender, daily, weekly or monthly. For this service, call "Western Union." But for advertisements, always call the Star office, No. 51. Copy for Business Locals cannot be taken over the telephone—but upon request Messenger will be dispatched to any part of the city for them.

WOOD — For good, well-seasoned dry wood, as well as shingles, laths, cypress and juniper boat lumber, call W. W. Koch Shingle Mill, 'Phone 346. de13-6t*

WANTED—Position by office man with experience in book-keeping. Also some in typewriting and stenography. Not particular as to class of business. Address "N," care Star. de13-1t*

WANTED — Board and room, for about two weeks. Convenient to Marine Hospital. 'Phone 215. Mr. Smith. de13-1t*

FOR SALE—Two ponies and outfits, separately or together. Gentle and good stock. One weighs about 400 pounds; other 650. Can furnish satisfactory reason for selling. Apply—Crescent Candy Co.; 'Phone 1383. de13-3t

I WILL HAVE for Saturday, wild ducks, chickens, birds, all pork sausage, country pudding, cheese, livers, shrimps, pork hams, ribs, back bone, vegetables, oysters, clams. Palace Variety. W. M. Sneeden, 113 1-2 S. Front; 'phone 374. de13-1t*

GROCERY BUSINESS for sale immediately. Must sell by Jan. 1st. Reason for selling, health won't permit continuation of business. "Quick," care Star. de13-3t*

FOR SALE—One dresser, wash stand, bed, hall hat rack, kitchen safe and matting; one mirror. Will sell at once, cheap. Apply 102 N. 10th street. de13-1t

GOOD DINNER—Daily from 12 to 3, 35c.; get everything good to eat any time. Cooking and service unexcelled. Open from 6 A. M. to 12 P. M. Savage & Savage, 5 Princess street. de13-1mo

WANTED—Nine clerks, 3 stenographers, 1 book-keeper, $40 to $80. Enclose 4c stamps. Apply at once, Employment Dept., Wilmington Business College. de13-2t*

FOR SALE—Thirty-four (34) shares National Wood Distilling, common, at par. Address P. O. Box 402, City. de10-6t

THE GILBERT HOUSE—Combines home comforts with hotel conveniences. Front and Princess streets, junction of all cars. Electric lights and hot water. Steam heat. Table equals the best and rates reasonable. Transient, $1.25 to $1.50 per day. Rates to regular and table boarders. de8.1mo

FOR SALE—At rare bargain for quick turn-over, E. M. F. Roadster, Model 1912. Going to be sold at once. Apply 114 Princess street, or 'phone 771. oc23-tf

FOR SALE—Best family horse in town; six years old; guaranteed sound. P. O. Box 412, City. no17-1mo*

TO RENT—Desirable offices for rent; heart of business district, second floor, Worth and Worth Bldg., Fidelity Trust & Development Co., 14 Princess street. no26-tf

YOU WANT the top market for your eggs, poultry, pork, beef or anything you have. Ship to R. B. Moore & Co., wholesale produce, commission merchants, 117 N. Water. oc27-tf

WANTED—Young woman, willing and obliging, to do sewing, cleaning and tacking; $4.00 weekly. Apply 224 South Front street. de 11-3t*

FOR SALE—First class meat market in one of the best localities in city. Price right to quick buyer. Address "Market," Box 364. de11-3t*

ARE YOU NEXT? If not, you want to get next to the Southern Barber Shop. Moore & Pressley, Props. In rear Southern Hotel office. de10-6t

FRESH CUT sour kraut. Fresh pork; nice beef, veal and lamb. Country pork sausage; clover bloom butter this week, 35 cents cash. Lettuce and celery; large cucumber pickles. We deliver the goods on time. Palace Market. de10-tf

WANTED—Men and women for government positions, $90 month; rapid advancement; annual vacations, short hours, no layoffs. Common education sufficient. Over 13,000 appointments coming. Influence unnecessary. Send postal immediately for full list of positions open. Franklin Institute, Dept. 288-W, Rochester, N. Y. no15,17,22,24,29; de1,6,8,13,15,20,22 27 29; ja3 3-16t*

FOR SALE—Practically brand new 5-passenger Studebaker car, completely equipped. Extra tire and tube, top, cover, speedometer, tools. Fidelity Trust Co., 14 Princess street. de12-4t

OAK, PINE, ASH and blackjack, soft and chestnut coal; also lightwood and slabs sawed in foot lengths. Call 'phone 656 for prices. Quick service. Consumers' Wood & Coal Co. no28-tf

MECHANICS' HOME Association. New series B. & L. stock, January 1st, 1913. 108 Princess street. no30-out su-tf

LOST—$5 REWARD—Lost last Friday night, small white spaniel puppy; long black ears, stub tail. Return to Orton Hotel. No questions asked. If retained after this notice, party will be prosecuted according to law. de12-1t*

PHOTO. SHOP — Christmas portraits a specialty. Quality unexcelled. Prices $3.00 to $30.00 dozen. Prompt delivery. Front and Princess Streets; 'phone 864. Dushan & Hodges, Proprietors. no28-1mo

MORE WOOD—My slab wood is getting very short, now, but "Oh You" oak, ash and pine. Call the same old 'phone, 431, and we will get a wiggle on to deliver your wood. M. H. Croom, Southwest corner Water and Chestnut. de1-tf

GUNS OF ALL MAKES — Remingtons, Ithacas, A. H. Fox, Parker, and L. C. Smith, at a bargain at Uncle Charles' Pawn Shop, 16 South Front street. Look for the yellow front. oc3-tf

FOR SALE — Everything good to eat. Quail, turkey, New River and Norfolk oysters, all styles; club sandwiches a specialty. We have the cleanest place in town. Come in. The Everglade. Tom and Frank Shepard. no24-tf

FOR SALE at a bargain. Five-passenger E. M. F. 30 touring car, in good condition and fully equipped. Will sell or exchange for real estate. Address "Bargain," care Star. de5-tf

FOR RENT—Desirable offices in Worth & Worth building; $8.00, $10.00 and $12.00 per month. Fidelity Trust & Development Co., 14 Princess street. de1-13t

45TH SERIES B. & L. stock opens January 1st, 1913. Mechanics' Home Association. Walker Taylor, President; L. Stein, Vice-President; W. M. Cumming, Secretary and Treasurer. no30-out,su-tf

WANTED AT ONCE—100 to 500 cords short leaf pine. Address Box 187, Wilmington, N. C. oc31-tf

WANTED TO BUY, in car lots, for cash, red cedar boards or squares. McEwen Lumber Company, Azalea, N. C. no22-1m*

FOR RENT—From October 1st, store and cart house, corner Seventh and Market streets. An old established stand. One of the best in city. Apply to Eduard Ahrens, care Ahrens Bros. se6-tf

BARGAINS in a fine line of Trunks, Suit Cases and Hand Bags. Also in all kinds of unredeemed pledges. Save money and see Uncle Charles, 16 S. Front street. ja3-tf

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Seats on sale at Plummer's Friday.
de12-3t

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—VIA—

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On sale December 13th to 25th, and December 31st and January 1st, limited to January 6th, 1913.

See nearest agent of N. & W. Railway.

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General Passenger Agt.

W. B. BEVILL,
Passenger Traffic Manager.
ROANOKE, VA.

de12-5t

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 12, 1912.—Sealed proposals for dredging in Pamlico and Tar Rivers, N. C., will be received at this office until 12 M., Jan. 11, 1913, and then publicly opened. Information on application. H. W. Stickle, Maj. Eng'rs. de12,13,14,15;ja10,11-6t

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CONDENSED STATEMENT

NOVEMBER 26, 1912.

Resources:		Liabilities:	
Loans	$ 960,348.17	Capital	$ 50,000.00
Real Estate and Building Account	73,298.58	Surplus and Profits	108,861.00
Cash and Reserve	62,443.06	Accrued Interest Due Depositors	4,000.00
		Deposits	933,228.72
Total	$1,096,089.81	Total	$1,096,089.81

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50 Tubs Broken Mixed Candy.
25 Pails Crescent Creams.
25 Pails Creamed Peanut.
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